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TO A

## Paper which came from the *Papists*

Lately out of

# HOLLAND.

Who goeth about to vindicate the Pope, Jesuits, and Papists, who since the dayes of the Apostles have got up, which according to the Scriptures of Christ and the Apostles they are not; neither by the words of Christ and the Apostles, can the Pope, Papists, or any other justifie their practices, as in this Book you may read, looking upon Christ, and upon the Apostles practice, and then look upon the Pope, Jesuits, and Papists practices, concerning their Beads, and concerning their Crosses; concerning their Images and Crucifixes, and their Nunneries, and Houses, in keeping men and women asunder one from another; and concerning of Marriages, and Widows. And concerning putting men to death about Religion; and concerning the Priesthood which is changed, which did put men to death for Blasphemy; and how Christ is come to save mens lives, and to destroy the Devil, the ground of Blasphemy. And concerning Inquisition, Fire and Faggot; their racking men for Religion, all these things have been set up by the Apostates since the dayes of the Apostles.

And if any Papist in *England*, or Jesuit, Pope or Cardinal elsewhere, will go forth three or four Weeks with a *Quaker*, with bread and water, and have no more of that then the *Quaker* hath; for you Papists have said that the *Quakers* deny fasting; so if you dare try this matter, then some of your side shall watch the *Quaker*, and some of the *Quakers* side shall watch you, and so we shall try if your bellies be not your god.

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A Paper I have received from one that goes about to vindicate the Pope, Papists, and their Church, got up since the dayes of the Apostles, in the Apostacy. First, And the Papists do afflict their bodies by their fasting; and the Apostle saith, *Afflict your selves.* Now this fast, like a Bulrush, for a day to hang down; and like the Pharisees, is the same nature that wil murther: The Pharisees fastings was like the fastings in the dayes of *Isaiah*, and like unto the Papists fastings, and Protestants, that will hang down the Head for a day, and doth not let the oppressed go free, nor the Just, but will kill and prison to death about their Religion and Worships: Here's the fist of Wickedness; here's the bond of Iniquity; heres not the Health amongst you. So all Jews, Pharisees, Papists, and Protestants, that are hanging down their heads for a day, their fast, and smiting with the fist of Wickedness, as the fruits of you Papists, Jews and Protestants, has declared sufficiently to the whole World; let the Witness and Testimony of the Jews against the Prophets; of the Jews and Pharisees against Christ; and

the Papists against the Martyrs, Prophets, Saints and Witnesses since the dayes of the Apostles; and the Protestants fasting against the Royal Seed call'd *Quakers*, how they fill their Gaols with them: Now you all should have strucken at the Principallities and Powers, and spiritual Wickednesses, and have broken the bond of iniquity, and let the oppressed go free, then had you obeyed the command of God; and so you are found out of *Isaiah*'s Ministry, *Isa.*58. *Matt.* 6.16. *Acts* 13.2. 1 *Tim.*4.1., 1 *Sam.*14.24. *Hest.*4.16. *Matt.*9. 15. and all these fastings ye be out of, which were in the truth. So there is two sorts of fastings, the fast for strife and debate, the fist of Wickedness, & the bond of Iniquity: Now mark, Is not the fist of Wickedness the bond of Iniquity, Strife and Debate amongst you, when you cast into prison, inquisitions, burn and rack such as you call your Enemies, when Christ bids you love them, and show mercy, and you show cruelty? O abominable Traytors against Christ the King, and his commands! who said they should fast when the Bridegroom was taken away, but still his command was, They should love Enemies, and a Heretick and Seducer is an Enemy. And now you Papists, Popes and Jesuits, how unlike Christ are you? How do you abide in his Doctrine, and the Apostles, that fasted, and gave themselves to fasting and prayer, and preaching of the Word, that came amongst Hereticks, Blasphemers, Seducers and Schisms? they was in love to Enemies, and did not kil the creature, & wraste with flesh and blood, making inquisitions, Racks and Fires to burn them in, as you Popes, and Papists, and Jesuits have done since their dayes: And so here your Fasts is not like unto theirs, (the Saints) but the Jews in the debate, fist of Wickedness, bond of Iniquity, and for a day you hang down your heads; and in this state the breach is not made up between you and God, but the bond of Iniquity stands; and that which breaks down that which made the breach between man and God, is that which breaks the bond of Iniquity; and this is the good fast that God accepts; and so your fast and fasts hath made themselves appear, so much blood hath been shed and spilt amongst you, that cryes for vengeance

vengeance, as righteous *Abels* blood did againſt *Cain* the ſacrificer; and all this blood ſhed ſince the dayes of the Apoſtles amongſt you Sacrificers, ſhal be required at your hands, the Witneſs in your conſciences ſhall anſwer it. Oh poor Apoſtates and Papiſts, made up of Schiſms and Hereticks, and Sects and Reprobates that went forth from the Apoſtles! And Chriſts faſtings that he ſpeaks of, & the faſtings in the *Acts*, the Apoſtles ſpeaks of, the *Quakers* owns, and ſhews it forth, the faſting as the Miniſters of God, as the Apoſtles did; for many of the *Quakers* have faſted thirty days, twenty dayes, fifteeen dayes, ten dayes, ſeven dayes together; I which am a Woman, (the Writer of this) faſted twenty two dayes, which never none of the Papiſts faſted forty dayes, or thirty dayes, or twenty two dayes together: I will challenge all the Papiſts upon the Earth, let them come out and go thirty dayes together without either Bread or Water, or fourteen dayes, or twenty dayes; or let them come out and go thirty dayes together with nothing but bread and Water, and try, and ſee if his belly be not his God; and the *Quakers* is known that they never had more ſtrength then when they have faſted two and twenty, and thirty dayes together. Therefore you are Lyars who ſay *Quakers* deny faſting; for they have been accuſed by ſome of the rotten hypocritical profeſſors, for their faſtings, who lives on the fat of the Earth like *Eſau*: And all your faſting is in that hypocritical faſting, and from imitation from the Apoſtles and Saints Words, and abuſers of them, found among them that faſted, that are out of the life of Chriſt and the Apoſtles, which is in the debate and ſtrife, wicked fiſt, hands full of blood, which comes not into the holy Hill of *Zion*.

And you be in the Doctrines of Devils, and have ſet up another thing then the Apoſtles did, who teaches to obſerve days, & denies meats on ſuch dayes that you obſerve, and ſets dayes apart for meats, which did not the Apoſtles, nor Chriſt; ſo you have taught another doctrine, reprobate from theirs; ſet up another Church reprobate from theirs, which is of your Church, and not of the true, and ſo are them which the ſpirit ſpoke expreſly ſhould come, which the ſpirit

rit sees expresly are come; which hath fulfil'd the Apostles Doctrine, 1 *Tim.*1.1. The Apostle said, *Whatever is sold in the Shambles, eat, for I am afraid of you that observe dayes*: And so this is quite contrary to the Doctrine of the Catholicks.

And so do you not alwayes forbid some meats upon dayes you set apart, which did not the Apostles, nor the true Church; and are not these meats unclean to you that you do not eat on your fasting-dayes? Or are not your unclean to them? Else why do you not eat them on your days? Answer me the whole Church of the Papists. And how can you without owning your selves Hypocrites, when you say you fast and set apart meats for that day you fast on? Answer me this again; and where the Prophets, Christ and the Apostles did so? and this fast be not of your own making, and so corrected by the Scriptures of Truth, being contrary to the true Church. And again, How have you learned that Scripture that Christ bids go to, learn ye Sacrificers and Fasters, *I will have mercy, and not sacrifice*; I will put them in the Inquisition, (say you) I will burn them, I will kill them, and rack them, (say you) Here your Sacrifices and Mercies are cruelties.

And we say, (who are call'd *Quakers*) all creatures are good as they are in themselves, though men be unclean, being in the transgression, unreconciled to them; and all these fasts as since the beginning, in the transgression, that be false; and all the fasts of the true is to bring men up to the beginning; and who witnesseth the Bridegroom, need not fast; and this many witness; and there the bond of iniquity is broken.

And you Papists have many particular dayes of fasting, as your forty dayes, and your four times in the year; and the Eves of your great Holy-Dayes; and Fridays and Saturdays you abstain from flesh, and that by the Command of your Church; Is not fish flesh (you blind sots) that you eat of those dayes your Church commands you to fast on? Does not the Apostle call Fish, Flesh, in 1 *Cor.* 15. chap Here you and your Church blinds people, who pretends you fast, and

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eat flesh, and say fish is not flesh, who are contrary to the true Ministers, the Apostles, and the true Church; your Church and Ministry are blind and ignorant in saying Fish is not Flesh, and so corrected by the true Church, Ministry, and Scripture, as in the Chapter before mentioned; and this Scripture stands over your Heads, Church and Ministry; and you do not fast from flesh so long as you eat fish on your fasting-dayes; so you are not of that Church which the Gates of Hell cannot prevail against.

And so you that will not hear the true Church, are the Heathens, and the Publicans, and the Fast of *Nehemiah*, and *Esther*, and *Jehosaphat*, you are out of the pathes and steps; for those dayes you fast, you eat flesh, the flesh of fish; so poor creatures are deluded by you and your Church, which do command your certain dayes to fast on, is not like unto the fasting spoken on in Scriptures.

And so your temperance is proved untemperate, as witness your debate, strife, wicked fists, makes it appear, strikes with it at the Lamb, Saints, Prophets, Martyrs, sheep, since the dayes of the Apostles: Did ever the true Church among the Apostles, make Inquisitions, Rack people, make Fires to put people in? Hang people, and betray people, as you do? That's *Jezzabels* fasts, spoken of in the *Revelations* & *Kings*; and your fasting will never reconcile to God, nor make God reconcile as you say, *Let the Quaker at least once hear what the Recabites did, who were commanded by their Father* Jonadab, *that they, their wives, children, and all their posterity, should always abstain from wine; they did not wrangle against it as the Quaker doth, but said, We will drink no wine because our father* Jonadab *commanded us; and they was praised of God, and blessed particularly, That they should not want one to stand in his presence.*

*Ans.* All Papists, Priests, and Popes, and Cardinals, do you drink no Wine? Do not you drink Wine? Do not you all stand out of his presence, according to your own Words? Have not you thrown your selves out of his presence? and again, Will not you say that Christ was a Wine-bibber, and stood out of his presence? you Popes, Cardinals, Jesuits,

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and Papists; and would you not say the Apostle stood out of his presence, who bid *Timothy* take a little Wine for his infirmity? And again, are not you Popes, Cardinals, Jesuits and Papists, like unto *Judas*, that takes the sop, and drinks the Wine, and goes out, and betrayes him, and crucifies him, and hath your Gaols, Inquisitions, Prisons to put them, and him in? and did not Christ say he would send Prophets, and some of them you shonld kill and persecute, and you would think you did God good service in so doing? and these things they shall do to them, because they did know the Father nor the Son; & so have not you fulfilled Christ Words? Doth not *John* say it was the Devil that casts into prison, in the *Revelations*? and have not you fulfill'd the Propheſie of Christ and *John* since their dayes? and did not Christ bid them remember that he had told them of these things (when they came to pass) before? *John* 16. and so you are distinct from Christ and the true Church, and you have fulfill'd the Words of Christ and the Apostles, sufficiently; and so you have shewed your selves ignorant of the Scriptures and the power of God; and the *Recabites*, and found not in the steps of them, Christ, nor the Apostles, as in *Jer.* 35. and your Generation, Mother, and her commands are found out of the Scriptures, and to them not agreeable, but your Mother and her commands by them corrected.

Thou saidst, *Had the Quaker been at Jerusalem when the Apostle* Peter *said in the Name of all the Apostles, It seemed good unto us, and to the Holy Ghost, to lay no more upon you then these necessary things, That you abstain from things offered to Idols, from blood, and that which is strangled, and Images, Acts* 15.

*Ans.* Have not all you Popes, Cardinals and Jesuits, broken the Command of the Apostle, and doth not abstain from Idols, fornication, blood, Images, and things strangled? Do not you strangle outward and inward? Do not you strangle in your Gaols and Inquisitions? Have you not set up Images and Idols? Have you not set up Houses for fornication in the chief of your Cities? Have you not drunk of the blood of Saints, Martyrs and Prophets? and have not abstained from blood no way, inward nor outward, and set

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up your Images in all parts and corners of your Dominions? And is not fornication found amongst you, and set up? your fornication, and strangling all such as be contrary-minded to you since the dayes of the Apostles? and drunken the blood, that declares against your Fornication, Images, Idols? have you not drunken the blood of them that are called Christians, since the Apostles, which the Apostle forbids? and so no Church but the false, so proved; and disapproved, and by the Apostles Doctrine corrected.

And the *Quaker* owns the Apostles Doctrine and Fasting, preached at *Jerusalem*, and does not set themselves against these, but against you and yours; for the Apostle reproves your Church, Popes, Cardinals and Jesuits; and cryed wo against them, and tells you, you be in *Cains* way, and your sacrifices that murthers, that was alwayes out of the true Faith of *Abel* and the *Apostles*, for it purifies and gives the victory over the murderers, in which men love God, and have access to God and unity; and this teaches to love Enemies, and this *Cains* nature doth not; and so do the *Quakers* (who are one with the Apostles) reprove you, and tells you, That the Sheep and the Lambs never wooried the Wolves, Bears and Lyons, and never made any Inquisitions, Gaols, and Prisons for Hereticks, Blasphemers and Schisms, but they was as Sheep among Wolves, in sufferings deep.

And whereas thou saith, *The Quaker spues out against the Catholicks about Meats and Drinks in his Letter, it is an exceeding blindness.*

*Ans.* You are in the exceeding blindness about Meats and Drinks in your Fasts, who calls Fish not Flesh; and your high persecution hath carryed you from the very wit in Naturals; and I have heard the Protestants and the Priests say, that the Papists were such witty men, but I must tell them, they are deceived, for I find you (now I come to handle you) not to have the understanding in the Naturals, and yet I will find you to be natural men; I should tell you, the things of God was foolishness to you; and I should further tell you, That the *Quakers* Kingdom is out of Meats and Drinks, and stands not in them; and I must further tell

you, That all the ſpuing is amongſt you, whoſe Kingdom ſtands in meats and drinks, that ſo much filth you have vomited up, which is loathſome enough to poyſon all people that will drink it, or eat it; but the children of God, and the Babes, have their food from above, and cannot eat any thing of that which you ſpue and vomit up; for in all ages they was in the vomiting that was in the tranſgreſſion, and ſuch run into Meats, and Drinks, and Idols, and Images; and ſo are you that be in the tranſgreſſion of the Apoſtles Doctrine, and Chriſts, and who have ſet up your Kingdoms of Meats, and Drinks, and Images, amongſt whom ſtands all the vomits and ſpuings; but that the Saints and Babes are come to, and in that where there is no vomiting nor ſpuing.

*The Quakers will reprove us becauſe there is ſome among us makes promiſes not to marry. We Catholicks anſwer, That the Apoſtle here ſpeaketh of in* 1 *Tim.*4. *chap. ſuch as forbid Marriage as an evil thing, as did* Farſianas, *and* Manacheus, *and divers others: The reaſon why the holy Church forbids ſpiritual perſons to marry, comes not from the ſide of the ſtate of Marriage, which they eſteem a great Sacrament, but from the ſide of the ſpiritual perſons that have made promiſe to God never to marry; which promiſe the holy Church, as a careful Mother, deſires that they ſhall keep it, that it may not come upon them as it did to the widows which* Paul *ſpeaks of, when he ſaith,* Refuſe the younger Widows, for when they begin to wax wanton in Chriſt, they will marry, having their damnation becauſe they have broken their firſt faith; *a full concluſion of this Reaſon.*

*Anſ.* Your Popes and Papiſts, and your Church that you call Holy, that forbids *Spiritual perſons* to marry, this is your Churches command; then by the concluſion of your own words, all you that do marry, are not ſpiritual perſons, ſo no Church, then ſo there is no holy Church: But does not your Church ſo, (which you call Holy) ſet up thoſe Houſes you call Stew-Houſes, amongſt you? And is not this promiſe got up amongſt you by tradition, not to marry, as you are fain to have Nunneries to put them in, and ſo to keep them from men, as people does Rams from Sheepe, and Horſes from Mares, and Bulls from Kine, that they have no more

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power in their promiſes? And did the Apoſtles ſet up ſuch Houſes to keep men and women diſtant one from another, as you do? O this is ill-favour'd, and ſtinks to all true Chriſtians, and is a full proof they are not ſpiritual men nor women; for that which does mortifie (is ſpiritual) the unruly and inordinate affections, and brings the creature into liberty, and does not put them into Nunneries, and make them like Stables for Horſes, and Mares, and Bulls, & Beaſts; in this you ſhame your ſelves, and your ſpiritual men, that you have no power, & are fain to put Walls between them; and this is a proof to prove them you call *Spiritual men*, to be *carnal*, and you your ſelves that do ſo, that put one from another; and this is to prove that you are them the Apoſtles ſpeak of, that ſhould depart from the *Faith* that gives victory, that the ſpirit ſpoke expreſly ſhould come, which now you fulfil their words who forbids the *Marriage*; and them that vows not to marry, you and your Church puts in ſuch places whereby they may perform their promiſes, as you ſay; and this is not like the Apoſtle in 1 *Cor.* 7. who ſpake his judgement in many things he had not a command, & ſaith, *I ſay, not the Lord*; and now ſaith the *Apoſtle*, *Every man hath his proper gift from God, one after this manner, and another after that, and the gift of God is free.* The *Apoſtle* doth not ſay, Bring people into Nunneries. But as for the wanton Widows againſt Chriſt, that wil marry, they are ſuch as refuſe to lodge ſtrangers, as you that kil them, & put them into your Inquiſitions & Gaols, and does not relieve the afflicted, but does afflict, & follows not the good works, as you who kill, impriſon, rack, and torture the Saints ſince the *Apoſtles*, and ſo cannot be called properly, the Widow, but the Whore; and theſe young Widows that are wanton againſt Chriſt, are idle wanderers from houſe to houſe, and tale-carriers, and buſie-bodies, and ſpeaks things they ought not; theſe are the Widows which hath their damnation, who have caſt off their firſt *Faith*; and here is their fruits that are found amongſt you, wandered from the *Faith*, only your tale and fables, and idle from the good work of God. And thou perverts the Scripture in ſaying, *They wax wanton in Chriſt*, it is a-

gainſt him; but that is like the reſt of your Doctrine, *Tim.*5. But come, thou ſhalt hear what the Apoſtle ſaith concerning *widows*; *I ſay to the unmarryed and widows, It is good for them if they abide even as I; if they cannot contain, let them marry, it is better to marry then to burn.* Now here was diſtinct diſtinctions between theſe *widows* and the *wanton widows*, for this the Apoſtle calls as the neceſſity. And ſo I ſee that you *Papiſts*, and *Jeſuits*, and Church, have not a right underſtanding of the Scriptures, the true diſtinction, and true meaſure; and the Apoſtle brings every one there to abide in the ſtate wherein God had called them; and he that did give unto marriage, did well; and he that did not, did better; and he that had power over his will, and ſtood ſteadfaſt in his own heart, and kept his virginity, did well. Now they that have power over their own wills, what need they go into *Nunneries*? have they not power over their *Nunneries*? but muſt an earthen *Nunnery*, an earthen houſe, help their power? you may ſee that is a forged thing, and an imitation ſet up amongſt you ſince the *Apoſtles*, and is below, out of the power of God; and the Apoſtle ſaith in the ſame *Chap.*1 *Cor.*7.1. where he exhorts every one to abide in his preſent ſtate, for the time is ſhort it remaineth, *that both they that have wives, be as though they had none.* Now ſee if all you *Papiſts*, *Popes*, *Jeſuits*, and *Nunneries*, can read this, or ſee into this, and how you are apoſtatized from them.

And the Apoſtle did not forbid the *ſpiritual perſons* to marrie, nor *widows*, but he ſpeaks of thoſe *widows* that were againſt Chriſt: Had not *Peter* (a ſpiritual man) a wife? and had not the Apoſtle power to lead about a Wife, a Siſter? Did he forbid it? And ſo you that forbid it to a *ſpirital perſon*, put it onely to the *carnal* in the tranſgreſſion; and ſo that's not the honourable Bed, but the defiled; and you may ſay *Moſes*, *David*, *Abraham*, and *Jacob*, were not *ſpiritual perſons*; but in this you conclude your ſelves and your Church from amongſt the Saints by your inventions and *Nunneries*, and vows againſt *Marriage*; and they that do vow amongſt you, they are not able to keep it, but you are fain to help them, and put them into Houſes; are not you worſe

in this then the Heathen Philosophers, and *Taffians*, &c. for I shall tell you, and all the *Papists* on the Earth, that's true, that's honourable, and acts it in the Bed undefiled, and such as are spiritual persons; for all the unspiritual persons are in the defiled Bead, which is since the beginning; and the hardnesse of heart, which in the beginning it was not so, but since the beginning it is so: *And whom God joynes together*, &c.

And so your Popes Church is found in the folly, who forbids spiritual persons to marry; and your Church is an unholy Church, so natural men, which cannot receive nor perceive the things of God; all that marry among you, be not spiritual, your married men are not; and so your Church an unholy Church.

And whereas thou sayest, *We may thank the Papists that we have learned out of your Books that Christ is the way, the truth and the life, and the second Adam.*

*Ans.* That which we have learned it is from God and Christ, and not from the Papists Books, for I scarcely ever saw any of your Books; for the Prophet is raised up whom *Moses* spoke of, whom the *Quakers* hear, who is the light, the second *Adam*, the way to the Father, which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world, the Jews and Gentiles; and every man being turned to the light he is enlightned withall, he is turned to Christ his Teacher; and the annointing within them, the Apostle preached, and the hearing of Faith, and the Word of Faith in the heart of *Abraham*, *Abel*, *Enoch*, &c. And now we do believe you, that all your knowledge, understanding, and wisdom is learned out of Books, who have the sheeps clothing, inwardly are ravened from the Spirit of God, and have set up your Schools and Colledges to make your Ministers, and your great houses to preach in, since the dayes of the Apostles, and have got sheeps clothing on your backs, and so with that deceives Nations, and hath carryed the Lambs and Sheep into your Dens, Inqnisitions and Prisons, and burned and rosted them in the Fire, & drunk their blood, which was not the work of the Apostles; and so that hath been your weapons to con-

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vert people, your Fires and Inquisitions, your Racks and hallowed Swords; and this hath been your way to convert people to that you call your Church, which was the way of *Cain*, and all Hereticks and Blasphemers, and of the Devil, and not of Christ and the Apostles, and his Church; and so you be in the subtil-heartedness, that deceives the hearts of the simple. And so we do understand, fathom, and comprehend the Papist Church, who are come to the Apostles, before they were.

And whereas you Papists say, *We hear them speak of almost nothing but Christ, and the Light.*

*Ans.* There stands our joy and peace, in Christ the light, who is the end of the Prophets, the Heir of all things; so we speak of the Heir of all things, when we speak of Christ; he is the Head of our Church, our life, our way, our truth, our sanctification, our justification, our wisdom, our righteousness; this is in us, and amongst us, who are by all the Sects of the Earth called *Quakers*, which are of the Royal Seed of God, who witnesse light in us, and life in us, and Christ in us; and are not *reprobates*, 2 *Cor.* 13. But I know you *Papists*, *Popes*, and *Jesuits*, (which have deceived the Nations and the World) cannot endure to hear talk of Christ, nor the light within you, but you tell the people he is in the Bread and Wine, and so puts him in your Cubbards, and Houses, and close Chambers, and Deserts, and cry, *Lo, he is here, here, and lo there*; and in the secret place, and in the Chamber, when he should be within you.

So here is the marks of you deceivers and Wolves, which have the sheeps clothing, & the marks of you that be *Antichrists* & *false Prophets* that Christ said should come, *Matt.* 7. 24. and *John* saw was come, 1 *John* 2. *chap.* & 4. *chap.* and went forth from them into the world, which in *Rev.* 13. *All that dwelt upon the Earth went after ye*; and there you may see how you kill'd the Saints; and there again you may see how you deceived the world with your miracles & lying signs, and the *Beast* had power over over all the *Tongues*, *Kindreds*, and *Nations*; and how this Woman which you call your Mother the Church, has drunk the Saints blood,

blood, and corrupted the Earth with your Images and Idols, and made the Inhabitants thereof drunk. And again, this Man-child ſhould have been brought forth, which hath been caught up to God this time, who will rule the Nations with a Rod of Iron, and take your falſe Prophets, Beaſt and Antichriſt, and the old Dragon, and caſt them alive into the Lake of Fire. And the Judgement of the great Whore is come, and the Lamb and the Saints ſhall have the victory; and ſhe ſhall be burnt with fire who hath burned. And now if you be offended becauſe I call your Mother the Whore, I ſhall give you an inſtance; When the children of *Iſrael* ran to Images and Idols, from the Law of God, they was called the Whore, and was run into the ſpiritual Whoredom; and when the *Jews* that had the Law of God, and tranſgreſſed it in *Canaan*, *Canaan* was called *Spiritual Ægypt*, and *Sodom*; and the *Jews*, and ſo you that inwardly are ravened from the Spirit of God, and hath the ſheeps clothing, which went from the Apoſtles into the world, kills, burns, racks, impriſons in your Inquiſitions ſuch as will not own your Images, Idols, and Worſhips you have ſet up, who are ravened from the Spirit of God, and went forth from the Apoſtles; what ſhould we call you but as the Scripture calls you, *Beaſt, whore, Babylon, falſe Prophets, Antichriſt, Mother of all Harlots ſince the dayes of the Apoſtles.* But now with the power and ſpirit of truth which you have ravened from, are you all comprehended, and the glorious Church come to; and your maſk and covering taken off, and we can ſee your faces now, and ſee you are Wolves; your Sheep Skin is taken off, and (like the *Phariſees*) you are in your *Faſts*, ſmiting with the fiſt of Wickedneſſe, and not like the Saints faſt, which we all own; and ſo your boaſts is as the *Phariſees*, who are turned againſt the Juſt; but the Juſt reigns, and the *Quakers* do witneſſe the darkneſſe is paſt, and true light it ſhines; the Day is come, and him that deſtroyeth Death, the Devil, the power of death, and his Works.

And the time is come that the hidden things of darkneſſe is brought to light, and many do witneſſe their bodies the Temples of the Holy Ghoſt, which is holy, where ſin hath

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nothing to do there; and this was the ſpirit of the Apoſtles, and this is the ſpirit of the *Quakers*, which your ſpirits and the *Papiſts* are out of, as your fruits declare it; and Sin and Devil muſt be ſhaken, but the *Quakers* witneſſe that which cannot be ſhaken; and many of them witneſſe ſanctification throughout, and Chriſt manifeſt to deſtroy the work of the Devil, and the work of the Devil is blaſphemy and hereſie, and ſeducing, and error, and Schiſms, of all unrighteouſneſſe, ſin, and ungodlineſſe. Now them whom you call Hereticks, Blaſphemers, Seducers, falſe Prophets, the Devil makes all theſe; inſtead of ſtriking at the power which makes all theſe, you ſtrike at the creatures, and burns, and impriſons, and kills them; are you like the Apoſtles, who wraſtled not with fleſh and blood, but with principallities, powers, and ſpiritual wickedneſſes, and Rulers of Darkneſſe, and converted many to God, and did not deſtroy the creature, but loved Enemies, and turned them from darkneſſe to the light, from the power of Satan to God? for an Enemy of God is in darkneſſe and under the power of Satan; and the Apoſtle came amongſt many Blaſphemers, Schiſms, Seducers and Errors, and their Weapons were ſpiritual, and mighty through God, and did not kil creatures. Now all may read your Weapons what they are. And Chriſt through death deſtroyed the Devil, who had the power of death, and his works, and yet did not deſtroy the creature though he was amongſt Blaſphemers, Errors, and Seducers; & when the deſire was to have Fire come down from heaven by ſome, he checked them, and bid them know what ſpirit they were of, and told them they did not know what ſpirit they were of, & told them he did not come to deſtroy mens lives, but to ſave them, *Luke* 9.46. and ſo you do not know what manner of ſpirit you are of, but are to be rebuked, and except you repent, you ſhall likewiſe periſh. Now are you like Chriſt? Have you the mind of Chriſt, his Spirit, his Wiſdom, his Righteouſneſſe, which was before the World was made, that deſtroys mens lives in your Inquiſitions, and racks them, and kills them, and burns them? are you like Chriſt or the Apoſtles? Judge your ſelves.

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And he saith, *No man knoweth whether he be worthy of love or hatred, Eccles.9.1. Prov.28. Who can say, My heart is clean, I am clean from sin? 1 Joh. 1. He that saith he is without sin, is a lyar. From these Scriptures the Quaker may observe that they are in the deep darkness, and taking upon him the office of judging himself to be righteous, which only belongs to Christ our Lord; and the quakers spirit seemeth more to be the spirit of antichrist, then the the spirit of God.*

*Ans.* By these Scriptures the *Papists* may see that ye are in deep darkness, and measure themselves and their whole Church unconverted, out of the spirit, having the sheepsclothing, but from it ravened: For first, You say no man knoweth either love or hatred; this is in the state of ignorance and darkness, not converted; for who are converted, they know God, he loved them, and they love him again; and those that fears alwayes, hath the blessing; and they that pray to him, and see him, is out of a pure heart; but you *Papists*, and your Mother that saith no man knoweth whether he be worthy of love or hatred; and yet you blind, brings the next Scripture to confound thy self, and thy whole Church, that saith, *Blessed are them that fear always*; and them that are blessed, are loved; and we do believe thee and thy Church, that you do not know that Scripture to you, that you do not knovv whether you be in the love or hatred; and is all your Profession, and all your Religion, and all your Church, and all your Teaching, and all your Jesuits, and all your Killing, and Prisonings, and Fires, come to this? Hath it all been done by this mad ignorance? You that do not know whether you be beloved or hated? And is this your Doctrine in the end of all your profession and Religion? We do believe you; this is to prove that you be in the unconverted estate. But I shall tell you, That we are of God, and beloved of God, and we love them that are begotten of God, and are passed from death to life, and are of *Jacob* who God loved, and we know love & hatred; but you *Pope*, *Papists* and *Jesuits*, are in the hatred, who cannot say your hearts is clean; so you are not in the conversion, regeneration, nor translation in the Covenant of God, out of transgressi-

on, and that which makes unclean; but you are them that are past from life to death, got up since the dayes of the Apostles, in the unconverted estate, no man knoweth whether yobe worthy of love or hatred; and here what hearts have you prayed with all this while, and seen withall? who sees your impure hearts, and contrary to the Apostle, who lifted up pure hands, and prayed with a pure heart, which the others were not accepted?

And this is the Doctrine of the *Jesuits*, the *Popish Church*, apostatized from the Apostles which knew all things, 1 *Joh.* 2. and the Scripture in the first of *John*, which thou add'st to, and perverts, which saith, *If we say we have no sin, we deceive our selves, and the truth is not in us, and if we say we have not sinned, we make him a lyar, &c.* Now he did not say [*He*] as thou doest, thou are so blind in this, thou wilt say Christ is a lyar, in him there was no sin, but come to the thing: There is a time for people to see that they have sinned, and for we to say we have sinned, and a time to see we have sin, and then if we confesse our sin which we that have sinned, and have sin, if we confesse our sin, he is faithful and just to forgive, and the blood of Jesus Christ the Son of God, cleanseth us from all sinne; then we can say our hearts is clean (mark, or) from all; not from some, and lovesome, but from all.

Now we do believe that you are not of this [*or.*] Then again, *He now is born of God, doth not commit sin*: Now here is cleansing from all sin, such as have sinned, & have sin, & then the birth (*born of God*) *which doth not commit sin, and the blood of Jesus Christ the Son of God, which cleanseth from all sin, and whosoever abideth in him, sinneth not; and whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, nor known him: Little children, let no man deceive you, he that doth righteousness, is righteous, even as he is righteous,* mark, *even as Christ*: But you Papists, Priests, and Popes, it is your Doctrine that none should be righteous, so are they deceivers, and preach the it up: *And whosoever is born of God, doth not commit sin, for his seed remaineth in him, and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.* Now you will tell *John* he lyes, and by he hath sin in him, and he must commit sin, and

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bring the uncleanſed ſtate to oppoſe *Johns* Doctrine. So here your ſpirit is tasted to be of Antichriſt, and ſavoured not to be of God, but apoſtatized from *John*, and your hypocritical Mask is drawn off, that you ſpeak of, and we ſee what hath lurked under it all this while, the Wolfe.

He ſaith, *The quaker goes on, and ſaith all our obſervations and circumſtances, and worſhips, and faſtings, who hath required theſe things at your hands, ſaith the Lord? Did not thoſe of Nineveh by faſting and prayer reconcile the Lord, when otherwiſe within forty dayes Nineveh ſhould have been deſtroyed? and alſo it ſhould have come to paſs if there had been none but Quakers in Nineveh, for they would have rejected* Jonas *preaching, and not trembled themſelves with faſting and prayer.*

*Anſ.* Many of the Prophets and Servants of the Lord hath cryed through your ſtreets, and come in ſackcloth and aſhes amongſt you, as witneſſe *Elizabeth Harrice*, who went from *London* in *England*, and cryed in your ſtreets in *Venice*, in ſackcloth and aſhes, being commanded of the Lord ſo to do, that you might be reconciled to God, and turn from your Images and Idols, and your will-worſhips, which is ſet up ſince the dayes of the Apoſtles, the apoſtacy of the beaſt from them; and you threatned her with death, and it was the mighty hand and power of the Lord God that ſhe ſcaped with her life from amongſt you. About the ſame time a yong man was moved of the Lord to go from *London* to *Ieruſalem*, and he ſaw your abominations there acted by thoſe perſons that thou calleſt ſpiritual men, which never marry, ſuch of thoſe would have murthered him in the way, had not the chief Governor of *Iaffa* reſcued him out of your hands, and fined your ſpiritual men many Dollers for their cruelty; and here the Lord ſees your wickedneſs, and condemns your ſpiritual mens practiſes, and abhors your cruelty, and gave him a Paſs to do the will of the Lord. *John Parrot*, and *John Luffe*, being moved of the Lord to come to your head City at *Rome*, to cry amongſt you, that you might be reconciled to God, and turn from your dead Images and Idols, whom you caſt into your Den, (call'd your Inquiſition) and there cauſ'd them to ſuffer that which you will let no man

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know nor see that be of their friends and acquaintance, your cruelty is so great, worse then the Heathen to *Paul*, who prayed to the Lord to deliver him from the unreasonable men; Are you like *Nineveh*? Are not your Fasts like the Pharisees here? nay worse. Have not you fires among you to burn the Saints? and your Inquisitions to rack them, and tear them to pieces, and will not let their friends see nor know what you do to them. O cruelty! your mercies are cruel, and have not learned mercy without Sacrifice, your force is not right. And *George Bailie* who was moved of the Lord to come amongst you into *France*, and *John Harwood*, whom you cast into prison till one of them dyed, and never was content till you had drunk his blood; and is this your fruits like the Apostles? Are you them that receive strangers? Is this your work of receiving of them? Have you not trodden the commands of the true Church under your feet? Now a stranger is one that is not of you, that you do not know; but are you of such fearful, frightned, fiery spirits, that presently into the Inquisitions with them, presently into the Gaols, or else you do offend him that is out of the truth, whom you do serve, not of Christ nor the Apostles; and how much blood have you spilt since their dayes, which at your hands must be required? And the *Quakers* do not reject *Jonas* preaching, nor *Ninevehs* fasting, but yours which hath this wicked Fist; and so all your ceremonies is denyed, and hypocritical fasts, by us who are the Heirs of salvation, and sons, and daughters.

He saith, *Behold once whilst here the hellish Enemy can bring a man under the pretence of holyness; but I believe the Quaker cannot prove by the holy Scripture, that the Lord hath not said, who hath not required fasting and prayer at your hands?*

*Ans.* All the holy Scriptures of truth witness against your fasts, amongst whom is found the fist of Wickedness, as it was in the dayes of the Prophets and Christ, as it is in your days since the Apostles; so we can say, The Lord hath not required these at your hands, for now I shall give you some Scriptures; you oppresse, you prison, you rack, you burn, you do not let the oppressed go free, as witness all your Gaols and

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Inquisitions, and Fires, and Burnings; here's the bond of Iniquity amongst you, your bread you deal not to the hungry, but you famish them in your Prisons and Inquisitions, you cast into prison the little ones of the Lord, and cast Christ into prison; now if they go into everlasting punishment that does not visit Christ in prison, and doth not cloathe him, and feed him, what will become of you, and what will your end be that casts him into prison, and will not suffer others to visit him, but make him sick, let him hunger there, make him naked? O you hard hearted ones, cruel and bloody! had it not been better that a Mill-stone were hanged about your necks, and you cast into the sea, then to offend the little ones? And so the Hellish Enemy (you who are gone from the light) hath swallowed you up, and become Death and Hell, and made agreement with it; and whither have you carried people? And all your sacrifices, and offerings, and services is no more then if you should cut off a Dogs Head, and blest one of your Idols, your Images; with the light you are all comprehended & condemned, and your sacrifices are loathsom to the Lord God; and you *Babylon* is come into remembrance of him, whose Church, Ministry, and all Sects upon the Earth is apostatized from the Apostles, and kills one another, and destroyes one another about your ptetended Church, and Worships, and Teachers, and one killing one anothers Teachers, which be all quite out of the power the Apostles was in; but we are come to that the Apostles was in, and the power of God, Christ, which all you slayers and killers about Church and Ministry, and Worship, is out of, and prisons till death about your Religion, which was not the Apostles Work to kill mens lives, but to save them, which hath been yours since the dayes of the Apostles, and the falling the Scripture doth speak of, we own.

And he saith, *He thinks the quakers spirit doth not witness as if the Lord himself did say so to him; But the Angel Satan, saith* Paul, *changeth himself into an angel of light; for if it were a good Angel taught the quaker, it would not teach him to speak against the word of God; but it is an evil spirit by which the quaker is driven;*

*driven; therefore saith Gods word, Woe to these foolish Prophets that follows their spirit and sees not.*

*Ans.* Thou hast raised these Words in saying to thee, *Who hath required these things at your hands?* You are them the devil hath changed himself into an Angel of light, which the Apostle saw come up and appeared before his decease, and followed your own spirits, and been driven by the Devil to do his Work, who was a murtherer from the very beginning; for when he had murthered within, he murthered afterwards without; so when you have murthered the Witness of God in your selves, then after you murthered others without you that was in the life of God, that kept the testimony of Jesus, the Spirit of Prophesie; and Christ called the *Jews* murtherers, who had murthered the Witnesse of God in themselves, and turn'd against the just in the general, and so told the *Jews* (the great Professors of Christ to come) that they was of their Father the Devil, his Works they did that was persecutors and murtherers: And so you now since the dayes of Christ and the Apostles, that killed, made havock, and murthered, and perfecuted till death, all you are of your father the Devil, his Works you are doing who abode not in the truth; so you are of your Father the Devil, murtherers, as the Jews were persecutors, and *Pilot* had more compassion upon Christ, then the *Jews*; and the Heathen hath more compassion of the true Christians which are in scorn by you exil'd *Quakers*, (which are the elect of God) then you hot burning Papists, as witnesse the *Turk*, who shewed more favour to such a one, to him when he went to *Jerusalem*, then you Papists, who there kept him as a prisoner, and would not let him go out, because he would not bow to your deceit, until you had carryed him out as a prisoner: Is this your receiving strangers? Are you like the Apostles and Christians? You have a Name, but dead from life, and so made a prey upon him, and so tossed him up and down from place to place; and here your apostacy is seen from the Apostles, and all judged with the Scriptures the words of God, and the Word in which they ends; and the Lord clears us from all your filth and dirt, who are come

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into that the Devil and his Angels are out of; and you both, and all your ſeeming Profeſſion, and Religion, and Worſhip is denyed, is judged, which is all ſet up by you (and invented) that went forth from the Apoſtles, and are reprobate from their faith and life, and ſet up your Church and Miniſtry, and all that do partain to it, by a uſurpt authority, which was getting up before the Apoſtle deceaſed; and ſo are amongſt all the fooliſh prophets, and falſe Ptophets, vvho are ravened from the ſpirit of God, and follow their own ſpirit, and ſo are with the ſpirit of the Lord God, and Truth, and the true Prophets, Apoſtles and Chriſt, judged.

He ſaith, *The quakers ſaith, that we are in hatred, and kills, and ſlayes men for the worſhip of God, and that we have another ſpirit then Chriſt and his Apoſtles; and the reading over their prayers troubleth and afflicteth the righteous one, and praying to Names, and minding Images, keepes them from the life and power of God, which is the croſs of Chriſt, and the ſpirit in which they ought to pray, of which the Lord knoweth the meaning.*

*Anſ.* Your Images, your Names, your praying with Beads, your formal hypocritical faſts, and your hatred, and killing, and flaying men for the Worſhip of God, doth ſhew your fruits and practice that you are of another ſpirit then Chriſt and the Apoſtles; & your Pope ſhall come down, who hath been high, and one of the inventers of theſe things, contrary to the power of God, the Croſs of Chriſt, and ſo your ſtony hearts hath ſet up your wooden and ſtony croſs, who hath loſt the power of God, the croſs of Chriſt, the power of God, the praying in the ſpirit, with which we fathom you all.

And whereas thou ſayeſt, *We Catholicks do expreſſly deny that we do not kill men concerning the worſhip of God, but that there hath been ſome killed who would have deſtroyed the worſhip of God, that is not denyed by us; for what inſolency and arrogancy hath there been committed in the Catholick Church? how many Alters have they caſt under-foot, burnt the Images of Chriſt & his Saints, raviſhed the ſpiritual Virgins, & vili'd divers Prieſts, and ſought to turn all things up-ſide-down that hath been uſed in the Catholick Church*

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*ever since the Apostles time? what wonder is it then that for such practises some were killed; and some others was slain that did not commit such things, it is not permitted to blaspheme against the Church of God.*

*Ans.* This is false; for you do, and have kill'd men for the Worship and Service of the living God, and you have not the Worship nor service of God amongst you, in truth, and so men cannot destroy that which you have not; and if you was in the Worship and Service of God, (which is in the spirit, and in the truth) you was not to have kill'd men, and take away their lives, if they would have killed you: Did Christ and the Apostles do so? Nay, Christ said, *My Kingdom is not of this world, if it were, they would fight, and he could have called his servants.* And now you have shewed your kingdom which is of this World, and do you call that insolency and arrogancy to break down your images and altars? Was not this the work and service of God to do so? Had the Apostles altars, earthen altars, and images of Christ and his Saints amongst them? alack for you, you have lost the image of God, & the power of God; prove by the Scripture where they had such things amongst them, that the Apostle had set up by the command of the Apostles: Was not the work of the Magistrates to break down the images and the alters? and is it your work to set them up, and kill men for breaking them down? How is this Star fallen into the Earth, as *John* speaks of? and how is your Candlestick removed from you? I tell you plainly, Those that worship God in the spirit, and in truth, cannot hold up your Images & your altars, but break them down, and the founder of them, the Mind that set them up; and Christ that said to the Woman of *Samaria* that was looking at outward Worships at *Jerusalem*, *Samaria*, and the Mountain where *Jacob* Well was, They worshipped they knew not what, but salvation was to the *Jews*, and they that worship the Father, they must worship him in spirit and in truth; and ye that call your selves Christians, turn into images and earthly alters, away with your deceit, all that fears God will break them down, and then you will rage like the Heathen, about your dead Images and your altars;

tars: Did not the Apostle bring the *Hebrews* off of the Earthen Altars to Christ, and Tabernacle, and outward things, to the substance; and your souls are crying under your earthen altars, which is *Esau* killing and slaying the just, though you have often washed it with tears (*Esau*-like) and those that have ravished divers of those you call spiritual Virgins, and kill'd many of your Priests.

As for ravishing and killing, and taking away lives about Religion, was not amongst the Apostles, and denyed by us who be in their power; but they are like unto your own fruits and actions, as many of the poor Heathen may witness, and the poor Martyrs and Saints. And for Spiritual Virgins, their fruits and yours have declared it unspiritual, unlike spirit; for them that be in the spirit, that was looked upon as men turning the World up-side-down, as the Elect (called *Quakers*) are now; for they brought the people (*Jews* and *Gentiles*) off all their Types, Figures and Shadows, and off all their Images, outward Temples, Tythes and Priests, which you (apostates from the Apostles) have set up, your Images, Temples, Tythes and Priests; so the same cry is found amongst you in this age now, as was in the days of the Apostles amongst the Heathen and *Jews*, who lived in Images, Temples, Tythes and Priests, as you do now, who cryed, *help men of Israel, these are them which turn the world upside-down*; and so you cry, Help Pope, help carnal men, help arm of flesh, keep up your Images, keep up your Tythes, keep up your Temples, for these *Quakers* are them which turns the World up-side-down. I say, Yes: We are come to the Apostles Doctrine and Power, and we cannot but visit Christ in prison, who hath been slain from the foundations of the World, on the top of it we are come, and before the foundation of the World was, were we elected, a top of it reigns, and Christ the truth reigns now a top of all your deceit, a top of all the World, who was dead, and is alive, and lives for evermore; and so you are all like the old World, raging; and *Sodom* against *Noah* and *Lot*, so are you against the Righteous, and a true Word that you say, all of an uproar; and so like the raging Priests, raging Heathen, raging

Phariſees, and not like unto the Apoſtles, which is come into that which was before the World was made, where no uproar is, for that's in the World and your Church, and not in the Church of the Apoſtles, the Church of God, which is the Pillar and ground of Truth, which the Gates of Hell cannot prevail againſt, it cannot be turned up-ſide-down; but your Church which is of an uproar, and the World, which muſt be turned up-ſide-down; ſo not a true Church, but like Phariſees and Heathen, that was againſt the Apoſtles, and the Church of God was never in an uproar; and you Papiſts, if you dare venture your Church without your carnal Weapons, and ſee if the Gates of Hell will not prevail againſt it; nay, hath he not prevailed againſt it already? that you are become the greateſt Synagogue that he hath in the World, thus hold up with *Cains* Weapons, not *Abels* and Chriſts, but like the *Jews* and chief Prieſts (as you do ſpeak of) that doth come with Swords and Staves againſt Chriſt, the plagues of God is your portion, and your Popes Church was made up of the blaſphemers that went forth from the Apoſtles, vvhich *John* ſaw in the *Revelations* blaſpheming againſt God and his Tabernacle, and killing and murdering his Saints; but the Apoſtles and Chriſt, when they came amongſt Blaſphemers, they did not burn them, rack them, put them in a Houſe called Inquiſition: Was there ever ſuch a company of Maſſacreans known upon the Earth as the Pope and his Weeds and Rags that he makes up his Church withall?

And the Popes Church is no true Church, but a falſe Church, got up ſince the Apoſtles.

And thou ſayeſt, *The man that will do preſumptuouſly, and not being obedient to the command of the Prieſt, that man ſhall dye the death by the ſentence of the Judge.*

*Anſ.* This is like unto the Papiſts Doctrine; but the Prieſthood is changed, whoſe lips vvas to preſerve knowledge, and had his Pulpit; under which Levitical Prieſthood the people received the Law, vvhich Law Chriſt is the end of to every believer; and that Prieſthood changed, made by the Law of God, and the Law it changed alſo, and the Law of the ſpirit

rit of life is come in, and Christ Jesus the everlasting Priesthood, whom the people must hear, and every one that doth not hear him, is to be cut off from the people with spiritual Weapons, not with the carnal, he doth not say so (though the Priest in the Law) the man should dye that spoke presumptuously, and would not hearken to the priest, that had been a Worshipper of Images, and a server of other Gods, and he not hearkning to the Priest, who is to stand up to minister, even that man should dye, and all the people should hear and fear, and do no more so presumptuously. Now Christ who is the end of this Priesthood, that Ministry, saith the Disciples to him that stood up to minister, when the presumptuous ones stood against Christ, it was commanded fire to come down from Heaven to consume them, said they to Christ the everlasting Priest and Judge; nay saith Christ the everlasting Priest, ye know not what spirit ye are of; I come not to destroy mens lives, but to save them, who kills and slays with the sword, which is the Words of his mouth; and so though there was killing and slaying blasphemers in the time of the Law with carnal Weapons, yet the Apostles which went amongst blasphemers, who said, *Every soul must be subject to the higher Power, that which was ordained of God*; for the soul is immortal, and the power is immortal to which it must be subject to; and speaking of help Magistrates for Government, yet he did not say, Thou shalt kill blasphemers and hereticks, though the Apostle went amongst many hereticks, and blasphemers, and brothers of errors; and Christ which came amongst the *Jews* (the Priests) a company of blasphemers, who spoke presumptuously, and said he was the Prince of Devils; Christ who is the end of the Law, did not destroy all these blasphemers, who had all power in Heaven and Earth given to him, by carnal Weapons and Inquisitions, and bid people make fires to throw them in; now he destroyed death; and he that hath the power of death, the Devil, and his Works, which is blasphemy, error, seducing, presumption; yet Christ did not destroy the creature, destroy mens lives.

Therefore now you Papists and your Church is proved to be out of the Apostles Doctrine, and Christs, who struck at, and cut down the spiritual Wickednesses, the powers of darkness, and rulers of darkness, and death, and him that hath the power of death; and this Priesthood is to be heard, Christ Jesus, and not the first priesthood that slayes and kills such as will not hear him; which priesthood is changed, and the Law by which it was made; so he is not to be head that slayes mens lives, but he that comes to save them; *This is my beloved Son, saith God, hear him, saith God*; and the Apostle that brought people off the first priesthood, said, *God who at sundry times, and in divers manners had spoken to them by the Fathers and the Prophets, hath now spoken unto us by his Son*; and *Moses* said they were the Son in all things; and *Stephen* when he was stoned to death, and God said he would give him for a covenant, and he should be the leader of his people, and all to learn of him, and love enemies, he who will give to every man a reward according to his Works; and you shall have a reward according to your Workes: and so the Apostle acknowledged he had been a blasphemer, when he was converted, and if they should have gone about to have kill'd all the blasphemers, as you do, (which you call blasphemers) then they should have kill'd the Apostle, who are the blasphemers your selves, who are like unto *Paul* before he was converted, persecuting others whom he thought was in the blasphemy, when he himself was there in it, as he confessed afterwards. And so your Church is like unto the Jewes and *Cain*, persecutors: Now the law and higher power is gone over you all, *Cain* and you all; the *Jewes* and you both; which law was before any transgression; & so you are found in the presumption, ususping authority, who set up another priesthood since the dayes of the Apostles, and have killed and slain those that will not conform to you; now it was the work of Christ and the Apostles, whom ye have denied, who wrestled not with flesh and blood, as you do, apostates from them; but with the principalities and powers, and spirituall wickednesses, rulers of darkness in high places, and so they destroyed the ground of presumption, & error, & blasphemy & seducings; & Christ destroyd the devil that went

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out of truth; and death, where he sets up his authority and his works on this seed of God, comes over all, here to be set, and the ground and cause of Error, Presumption and Blasphemy, Christ destroyed, who comes to save mens lives, who doth enlighten every man that cometh into the World, which believing in the light are saved, which not condemned. And that is the Word of the Lord God to you all; and those Scriptures in the *Romans* and *Hebrews*, are owned, and the everlasting Priesthood, the Seed of God, Christ Jesus, is raised up to trample down all presumptuous ones, blasphemous ones, and they that speak presumptuously against him; this Priest Christ Jesus, they shall dye before the Judge, who will kill with the sword, and slay with the sword, which is the word of his mouth, and the Lamb and the Saints shall have the victory, when the Beast is taken, and with him the false Prophet, and the Devil, and the Dragon, and Satan, deceivers of the Nations, they shall deceive them no more, but shall be cast alive in the Lake of Fire that burns with brimstone, and the Lamb and the Saints shall have the victory; and rejoyce over them you Prophets and Saints, and all the Plagues, and Woes, and Vials, and Thunders, and Wrath of the Lord God Almighty is to come upon you, and blood you must have to drink that have drunk blood; and he that kills with the sword, must perish with the sword; and here's the faith and patience of the Saints, who overcomes with the blood of the Lamb; but you have overcome Nations with your swords since the dayes of Christ and the Apostles, apostatized from them; and the Apostles overcame by their spiritual Weapons, the Powers of darkness, and not carnal.

Whereas thou saith, *The Magistrate bears not the Sword for nought, for he is the Minister of God to take vengeance on him that doth evil. Let not the Quaker say any more that we have another spirit then Christ and his Apostles, till he hath confuted this, and with clear Scripture proved, That such as seek to turn all things concerning the Worship of God, and set the World in an uproar, that oppresseth the innocent, and may not such be killed and punished? And when he hath shewed this, then from thence will follow, that they bear*

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*the sword in vain; it is not against the Doctrine of the Apostle* Paul, *who had another Spirit then they who are of an evil Sect, that set the world on an uproar by quaking.*

*Ans.* The Apostle who said, *Let every soul be subject to the higher power,* which soul is immortal, and power immortal; they were them that set the whole World in an uproar, *Jews* and *Gentiles*; and Christ set all Jerusalem in an uproar, that *Herod* was fain to gather all the chief priests together. Novv you and the World that will be set in an uproar, you shevv what Church you are of; you are like *Jews* and *Gentiles*, in the trangression, and not like the Apostles, and not the Church, the pillar and ground of truth that cannot be shaken. And the Prophets trembled, *David*, *Ieremiah*, *Daniel*, and in the dayes of *Esay*, and the Apostle *Paul* among the *Corinthians*; and he bids the Saints work out their salvation with fear and trembling; and these set the World on an uproar, and Christ, who said false prophets should come, vvhich *John* saw vvas come, vvent forth from them in the *Revelations*, vvhich all the World vvent after them; *John* saith in the *Revelations*, there must be an Earthquake, and such an Earthquake which hath not been from the foundation of the World. Now all you amongst whom there is such an uproar made by them that tremble at the Word of God, whom God regards, you are all to be shaken, vvith all your Images, and Worships, and Teachers, and foundation of them, as all the *Jews* and *Gentiles* which stood in their inventions, and types, and figures, and shadows, must all be shaken, amongst whom was the uproar, as is novv amongst you, which be all in your false Worship of the Beast; and the Apostles did not destroy the simplicity nor the innocency amongst people; the *Jews* might have said as you Papists say, The Apostle destroyed the Worship of God, vvho brought them off of their Temple, Tythes, Priests, Offerings, vvhich God had commanded, to the substance; and the *Gentiles* might have said the Apostle destroyed the Worship of their gods, as ye say now the *Quakers* destroy the Worship of God, which brings you off of your invented Temples, Tythes, Priests and Images, and say they destroy the simplicity; I say, No, they do not de-

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ſtroy that; and the *Iews* were held up by a Law, by the Prieſts and Magiſtrates, their Worſhip; and ſo vvas the Gentiles as you are; and all theſe may cry, Higher Power, and Magiſtrates Sword; for the *Iews* Magiſtrates and the Gentiles turned againſt the Apoſtles, as yours do now againſt the *Quakers*; yet I ſhall tell you, the higher power, the Magiſtrates ſword goes over you all, and the higher power over *Iews*, over *Gentiles*, over you papiſts, over you all, & hath taken vengeance of you all; and every Heathen Inventer will cry, *higher power*, who lives in his images and idols; and the Apoſtle that witneſſed the *higher power*, went amongſt all the *principalities* and *powers*, *thrones* and *dominions*, and he preached and eſtabliſhed a power above them all. So neither you, nor *Iews*, nor *Gentiles*, worſhips God, that ſees not Chriſt who is the end of the firſt prieſthood, the end of all your outward Temples, Tythes, and Offerings, and that lives in Images and Idols; *for they that worſhip God, muſt worſhip him in ſpirit and in truth*, that the Devil is out of, and that cannot be deſtroyed, the gates of Hell cannot prevail againſt that. So your Worſhip that is not in the ſpirit and truth, but in Images, and Idols, and Temples, (like Gentiles) which the Apoſtles came to deſtroy and overturn the *Iews* which ſtood in outward things, which you papiſts who be got up ſince their deceaſe, and vvorſhip vvhat you have invented, and ravenned from the Spirit, the true Worſhip, vvhich true Worſhippers worſhip in; and ſo there you kill and ſlay men, who are out of the truth and ſpirit, your Idols, and Images, and outward things; for vvho vvorſhips God in the ſpirit and the truth, (whom the Devil and the murtherer is out of) murthers none about Worſhip; and the Apoſtles did not murther any, nor kill them that oppoſed them in their Worſhip, nor did not bid the Magiſtrates kill and ſlay any about their Worſhip; and they was killed, and ſlain, and murthered by the falſe Worſhippers of the *Iews* and *Gentiles*, as you falſe Worſhippers ravened from the ſpirit, and apoſtatized from them; and ſo your Worſhips, killing and ſlaying men about your Worſhip, is not like unto the Apoſtles, but like unto the *Iews* and *Gentiles*, and the Devils Worſhip, who muſt wor-

worſhip out of truth; and the higher power is over all this, which the ſoul muſt be ſubject to; and they be true Worſhippers, and doth not deſtroy any creature about Worſhip; you never read that the Apoſtles and Chriſt did ſo, who is the end of the Law and Prophets, that eſtabliſhed the higher power, and that they ſhould bid the higher power take away mens lives for blaſphemy, but they came to ſave them; and wraſtled not with fleſh and blood, but with the principalities and powers, and Rulers of darkneſs that they wraſtled againſt. Now you that deſtroy mens lives, and wraſtle with fleſh and blood about your Worſhip, you are in the power of darkneſs, and not the true Worſhippers of God in ſpirit and truth; againſt the powers of darkneſs you do not wraſtle, but with fleſh and blood, and deſtroyes mens lives, and not ſave them, and ſo are not the true Worſhippers of God in ſpirit and in truth, and your ſouls are not come to the higher power, but the higher power is gone over you all, and ſo you are all ignorant of the higher power which goes over all the tranſgreſſors upon the earth, and anſwers the principle of God in every one that hath been tranſgreſſed, and hath been under the Power of the Beaſt, which hath been over all Kindreds, Tongues, and Nations; and this you call higher power, and by this power hath all the blood been ſhed ſince the dayes of the Apoſtles, about Religion, and every Nation, Kindred, Tongues, and People, will cry, Higher Power, which is the Beaſt by which all the blood hath been ſhed ſince the dayes of the Apoſtles, and all the Saints have been murthered, which was not the Apoſtles Work, nor the power of Chriſt. And now the higher power is gone over you, and life and truth both, in which God is worſhipped.

Thou ſayeſt, *That the Quaker will reprove us becauſe we read our prayers; if thou be true, the Quaker judgeth Chriſt alſo.*

*Anſ.* Nay, we do not judge Chriſt, for he did not read over prayers by Beads; nor kneel before a Croſs, nor *David* alſo, and the Apoſtles; but the Apoſtles Doctrine was to pray in the ſpirit, and ſo your praying and the Saints is different, for the Apoſtles and Saints lifted up holy hands, and they prayed without wrath and doubting, and for enemies, and

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you pray againſt Enemies, and they prayed for them; and you lift up your wicked fiſt, and hands full of blood, polluted lips, and full of Wrath; and this was not the Work of the Apoſtles; love enemies, and without Wrath, and pray in the ſpirit, and pray for enemies: Take away their lives, cry you; put him in the Inquiſition, make a fire, burn him; rack him, if he will not turn and own your Images and Idols, which are got up ſince the dayes of the Apoſtles; for you cannot be ſaid to pray for Enemies, and love Enemies, while it is your principle to kill them. So you Apoſtates hath trampled the Doctrine of Chriſt and the Apoſtles under feet, *Mat.* 5. and are not in the mercy.

Further thou ſaiſt, That *the Quaker ſaith that we pray to Names; if he means to Saints Names, we grant that we do pray to them; we deſire that they ſhould pray for us, ſeeing they are Gods friends; for the four and twenty Elders fell down before the Lamb, having each Harps and golden Senſers, which are the prayers of the Saints, ſaith the Text,* Rev. 5.

*Anſ.* We do not read that the Saints prayed to theſe Elders which had the golden Vials full of odours, with the prayers of Saints; and you never read that ever the Apoſtles and Chriſt gave any ſuch command that any ſhould pray to the Saints (after they were deceaſed) to pray them, to pray for them; and ſo, if any one did ask, the command of Chriſt was, to ask in his Name; and, *Thou ſhalt not ſerve any other God but me,* ſaith God, *and I will be your God, pray unto me, and ſeek unto me.* Now did the Apoſtles pray unto *Moſes, Abraham, Enoch, Abel, Ieremiah, or Iſaiah*? Did the Apoſtles which after ſome of them were ſlain, the reſt of the Apoſtles pray unto thoſe that were ſlain? Give me an example in the Scripture, and prove it by it, the Words of God, and tell me where it is written; if ever Chriſt commanded ſuch a thing, who is the Word, or elſe acknowledge your ſelves to be ſetters up of inventions openly to all the World, & cannot make it good by Scripture or Example from any of the Apoſtles, but are in the apoſtacy from the Apoſtles, which is utterly to be denyed by the power and ſpirit they were in, in which the Saints pray.

And whereas thou sayest, *The Quaker also thinketh that we pray to Images, but the Images which we have, that do represent Christ, they are that we seeing them, should have fresh memory of the bitter sufferings of Christ, and through that stirs up our repentance.*

*Ans.* It seems when you are at your prayers you would not remember Christ except you have the Images of Christ and the Apostles, and his sufferings you should forget; and they put your earthly minds in remembrance of him, the Apostles, and his sufferings, these earthly Images doth, and stirs you up to repentance; Did the Apostles and the Saints make Images of Christ, that when they prayed, these Images should stir up their minds, and put them in remembrance of Christ and his sufferings? Had the Saints in all their Epistles, had they Images of Saints to put them in mind of the Apostles to pray before, and a earthly cross to put them in mind of the cross of Christ, to pray before, and stir them up to repentance? It seems earthly Images and Crosses stirs you up to repentance, and puts you in mind of Christ, but it shews that you are not yet come into repentance from dead Works: Is it like that earthly things, Images, and Crosses, should stir up to repentance, or put people in mind of Christ the mysterie, the power of God? and this doth shew you want the power of God, the mind of Christ in you, his life in you, and righteousness in you, and Christ in you, except you be reprobates; and so reprobates must have dead Images and Idols to put the dead in mind of him; and so the Apostle came to know a state, not laying again the foundation of repentance, but went on to perfection; but to you this is a mysterie; and how can you talk of repentance, when you are killing and slaying in your Inquisitions? Hath your dead Images stirr'd you up to no better repentance then this, killing, slaying, burning, Inquisitions? Is this like repentance that need not be repented of, which the Apostles was in, who prayed for their Enemies? But your repentance is unrepentance, to serve dead Works, not repented from them, to serve the living God.

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And whereas thou sayest, That *the Images of the Virgin Mary, and the holy Apostles, and other Saints, beholding their Images we might take courage to follow their foot-steps, seeing they entred into heaven through many tribulations. Let the Quaker then consider better before he condemn the* Catholicks *again.*

*Ans.* The Quaker hath considered, and sees all you Papists to be out of the light, and from the Apostles, so with it condemned, and your Images of *Mary*, the Apostles and Christ, who went through great tribulations into the Kingdom, whom you have made Images of Wood and Stone, (to put you in mind of them, as you say) but follows not their steps; for you bring into great tribulations, into Racks, Fires and Inquisitions; and so you follow not *Mary*, nor Christ, nor the Apostles, but follow *Cain*, and the persecuting Pharisees; and you follow not truth, and they that worship in it; but the Devil that is out of it, the murtherer, whose children you are, who sits in his Throne executing his Will, and many has overcome, and through truth are made free; and witnesse the Throne of God, his power and dominion; for did *Mary*, Christ, and the Apostles, (of whom you have made Wooden Images, and Stone Images) bring people into great tribulations, Fires, and Racks, and Inquisitions? O no; you may deceive the World, but the Elect you cannot; I challenge all Papists to come out upon the Earth. So you are them that makes the life of Christ suffer in his Saints, and prison him, and makes him suffer unspeakably, and them that goes through tribulations; and yet you tell the World you follow him, but Christ tells you, you follow the Devil, and his Works you do, not Christs, as you may read in *John*, who are the murtherers, and doing the Works of your Father, and not the Work of Christ and his Father; and thus Christ tells you, you are of your father the Devil, who are murtherers and persecutors, and not visiters of Christ in prison, but casters of him into prison.

Whereas thou sayest, *Those Images and things that are to be seen, as Images and Crosses, are not to be worshipped, but that which theyre presentis to be praised and honoured*

*Anſ.* Let us ſee if you can honor, and praiſe, and worſhip God without your Images, and remember God, and Chriſt, and the Apoſtles, without Images of them, then you will be tryed whether you worſhip them, or not; throw down all your lying ſigns which hath made people to wonder at, wch the Beaſt hath ſet up, wch hath compelled others to worſhip; & have not you compelled, or burned, or rackt, and put into your Inquiſitions ſuch as will not worſhip you? Now did ever Chriſt or his Apoſtles do ſo? O lamentable ignorance that is found amongſt you! Cruelty & unmercifulneſs, & graves ful of the dead mens bones, and the blood of the Saints have you drunk, that would not worſhip: Did the Apoſtles drink any mans blood that would not worſhip? make a fire, and burn their fleſh and blood in, as you do? Make Inquiſitions, and rack them to death there? You talk of the Saints ſufferings who are thus making them to ſuffer ſo as hath hardly been heard upon the Earth; but the Elect ſees you, and the Saints; I challenge all the Papiſts upon the Earth to anſwer me, Where ever the Apoſtles, and the Saints in the Epiſtles ſet up a Wooden Croſs, or Stone; or Wooden Images, or Stone Images of Chriſt, and *Mary*, and prayed before them; get a company of Beads, and drop them as they prayed; anſwer me then. Where the Church commanded ſuch things, and ſet up ſuch things before the Apoſtles deceaſed? and then you ſay things to purpoſe Now the Apoſtles that was the Chriſtians, and the Saints, was converted, they need not have an Image of Chriſt made of ſtone, or an Image of *Mary* made of a piece of Wood, to bring them to repentance, and put them in mind of him, as you do. Now its a ſign you are not converted, and have not repented yet, but are them that are ravened from the ſpirit of God, and are found amongſt the dead Works, apoſtatized from the Apoſtles?

And whereas thou ſayeſt, *The quaker ſaith the Pope ſits high, and that all is but earth, and they worſhip earth and earthly things, we confeſſe willingly that the Pope ſits high, for it hath pleaſed God to exalt him to ſo high an eſtate; for as in the Old Teſtament there was a viſible head to govern Gods Church, to wit, the high* Prieſt, *as appears*

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*in the Books of Moses, that who would not obey the command of the High Priest, should dye; and in the New Testament Christ was the Head of his Church before his ascention, and remains the invisible Head to eternity; so then the Church after his ascention, governed by a visible Head; it appears by the Scriptures that Christ appointed Peter to be Head of his Church, Ioh. 21. when he said, Feed my sheep; whose place the Pope of Rome succeeds. Therefore the Quaker may take heed how he speakes blasphemy of the Pope.*

*Ans.* The Quakers cannot blaspheme the Pope in speaking truth of him; and they are out of the ground of blasphemy, against your false Pope; and he is not the Successor of *Peter*, but of *Cain*; who is killing, who is the Sacrificer that is slaying his brother *Abel*; Come, we shall measure you by *Peter*; we shall measure Pope and *Peter*, which you say *Peter* was the Head of the Church; but the Apostle will tell you otherwise, that Christ was the Head of the Church, and they had not power over mens faith; but we shall measure the Pope with *Peter*; Did *Peter* that time that he was Head, when he was an Elder, (he does not say he was a Bishop, or a Pope) Did *Peter* make Inquisitions whilest he was Head, to prison any Hereticks, rack them to death, make fires to burn any? Did any accuse any before *Peter*? And did *Peter* the Minister of God say he should dye if he did not hear him, and turn him over to the Judge and earthly powers to put him to death? Was this *Peter's* Work? Did *Peter* do as the people did in the Law, *the man that would not hear the Priest should dye the death, and do no more so presumptuously*? Did not *Peter* bring them off of the priesthood spoken of in the Books of *Moses*, and to the end of *Moses*? And did not the Apostle say, *While Moses was read, the vale was over their hearts*? And do not you keep the Vale over your hearts? And did not *Peter* which brought the people from the Vale to the end of *Moses*, from the first priesthood, from that, to Christ the Head, the end of the Law and Priests both, and bid them love enemies, shew mercy? and did ever *Peter* put any outwardly to death, or cause any so to do that was in the presumption, and did not hear him? Did he deliver them over to a

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Magistrates power to put them to death, though he saw many that spoke presumptuously, their damnable Heresies, yet you do not see that *Peter* had any Fire, Inquisitions or racks to pull peoples bodies to pieces, but was himself a sufferer to death, in suffering, and leaving us for an example, that we should follow his steps; and when he suffered, he did not threaten; and they was called to render to no man railing for railing; and they was to lay aside all envy. Now *Peter* saw you coming up, to wit, in *Cains* Way, murtherers, and many follow their pernicious Ways, which should be like unto raging *Sodom*, against just *Lot*, and the old World against *Noah* the eighth person; and like unto *Balaam*, go from the spirit of God; and like unto *Corah*, that turned against the Just. Now we shal see, Is the Pope like *Peter*? Is he not killing, slaying, giving order so to do? It's blasphemy for the Pope to say he is the visible Head of Christs Church, who burns, kils, tortures, racks, hath mangled the Saints, set up his Inquisitions, and destroyed the Saints in it; is he *Peters* Successor here? Is he like *Peter*? Doth not *Peter* exhort to suffering, and long-suffering, and patience? Instead of suffering, he and you are killing, and causing to suffer, and burning the Saints: Is this like the Image of *Peter*? And the Rock and Church is Christ, which he is the Head of. Did *Peter* set up a company of Crosses, and Tythes, and Temples, East and West, and pray by Beads, and call upon the Saints, and set up a Wooden Image of Christ, and a Stone Image, and of *Mary*, to put him in mind of Christ, and bring him into repentance, and to think of his sufferings, as the Pope has done? Come, prove this by Scripture; come, let me see *Peters* order for all this, and commands in the true Church; where *Peter* and the Church commanded these things in the Epistles and Scriptures of truth, That the *Pope* might follow him to be his Successor in those things, that *Peter* might be their example that they might follow Christs steps, and *Peter* which fed the sheep, who was the Successor; But are you like *Peter*, that kils sheep, and puts them in Fires and Inquisitions? If the Pope, Jesuits, Cardinals, &c. were sheep and lambs, their fruits would shew it forth; for did ever the sheep and the

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lambs burn any, make Inquisitions, and kil any? Was ever the sheep fed amongst the Apostles by such as made Inquisitions and Fires to burn others that withstood them, & racks to tear them to pieces that would not turn to their Religion? Are not you such feeders with your Inquisitions, Racks and Fires? Are you like *Peter*, and the Apostles, and Christ? but distinct from them all; for they loved Enemies, & prayed for them: So all *Peters* Exhortations tends to love, patience, forbearance, and sufferings; for here was the Law of *Peter*, *What glory is it, if when you be buffetted for your faults, ye take it patiently? but when ye do well, and suffer, this is acceptable to God*; and he bids them be gentle to the froward, shewing Christ the example. Now these was the sufferers that was to be buffetted for no fault; now if you were *Peters* Successors, you would not be buffetters; for *Peter* and them that was with him, were the buffetted, and you are the buffetters; nay, cannot be contented with that, but are as greedy as *Cain*, you wil have their blood; novv if you vvere the buffetted for a fault, or no fault, where is the Popes patience, and take it patiently that he might be acceptable to God? No, cry you, if he wil not hear the priest, he shall not live; and flyes to the first priesthood, which is changed, which was before Christ came in the flesh; and now see what a puddle you are fallen into; for you are neither according to the first priesthood, nor according to *Peter*; I shall measure you: Did the first priesthood set up Wooden Crosses, and Stone Grosses, and Images, and Wooden Images, and Stone Images of *Abraham*, *Enoch*, or *Abel*? and pray by Beads, and make Nunneries to put Virgins in, Men in one, and Women in the other, like Stables men use to part Horses from Mares, and Bulls from Kine, and Rams from Sheep? Had they no more power over themselves, Wills & Bodies? Did *Peter* set up such Houses for Virgins & yong men? We shal measure you by the first priesthood; Did the first priesthood pray unto *Abraham*, *Enoch*, or *Abel*? answer me: Or did *Peter* bid the Saints pray to *Mary*, or *Mary Magdalen*, or *Stephen*, & *James*? Answer me these things by Scriptures, (the Words of God) Where ever any of the holy men of God practised any such thing; & did not *Peter* & the Apostles bring off of all the changeable things,

to Christ the substance. Now if people must follow *Peter*, (and you say you follow *Peter*) must not people follow that which *Peter* saith then? and not you that set up such things that *Peter* did not, since the dayes of *Peter*, which neither the first priesthood, which Christ came to end, nor the Apostle, held up such things which you have set up since their days, and so all judged by the life and power they were in; *And the Law came by Moses, but Grace and Truth by Jesus Christ.* So which of you can read that? And the Law will cut off Blasphemers, and cut off men, but Grace comes by Jesus Christ, which saves mens lives; Go, learn what that means. You talk after the Prophets, *Moses*, and the Apostles words, but in the life you are judged by them all, and them that come into their life.

And whereas he saith, *If the Quaker will be a sheep of Christ, he must submit under the obedience of the Pope, to be fed with knowledge and Doctrine. And the Quaker also saith, All is earth, the worship is earth, the Pope is earth, and those that worship him are earth, and that so all is earth.*

*Ans.* The Quaker hath knowledge, wisdom, and understanding, which comprehends the Pope, and sees before he was, & coming to that the Apostles was in; and the quakers are the sheep of Christ, they never wooried any Wolves, nor burnt none; they have no Inquisitions to rack people, and tear peoples bodies to pieces, as you have; and the Quakers sees what food you have to give to the sheep, and what provision you made for them, and entertainment, an Inquisition, and a Gaol, and a heap of burning Faggots, and a Rack to tear their bodies to pieces; and they have no Wooden Crosses, nor Beads to pray by, nor the Saints Names, but do as the Apostles did; and this is the sheeps food amongst you, and they have tasted of it, as now there is two sheep in your Inquisition at *Rome*, they went to see what food you had for Lambs, which is an Inquisition, and that is your food, and your provision for the Lord Christ, who is the head of the true Church; and Christ was never called the Head of persecutors and murtherers, he never headed them, he was never their Leader, but he was the sufferer, and the

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and the leader of the ſufferers; and ſo your Pope is earth, and Worſhip earth, exalted himſelf like unto *Corah*, in his uſurped authority, for Chriſt and God never put him into that, but as he ſuffered the Devil, Beaſt and Falſe Prophet to reign, which is now taken, and is to be caſt alive into the lake of fire, for the Lamb and the Saints ſhall have the victory.

And whereas thou ſayeſt, *In the Scriptures there are three ſorts of Worſhips found; the firſt is a civil Worſhip, a ſecond Worſhip is to the Angels, and the Saints are worſhipped; a third Worſhip is that which belongs to God alone: Abraham and Lot did worſtip the Angells, and the civil worſhip ſtands in Ioſephs Brethren worſhiping of him, and the children of the Prophets lying flat upon the ground did worſhip Elias; therefore he is far from the Pope that he ſhould ſuffer himſelf to be worſhiped as God, who names himſelfe a ſervant of the ſervants of God, who is an ambaſſador of God the higheſt King; for what is bound or looſed on earth, ſhall be bound and looſed in heaven; ſo that the honor that is given to the Pope, is more given to God then the* Pope.

*Anſ.* Out of theſe three Worſhips, Saints, Angels, God, is the Pope found, apoſtatized from the Apoſtles and the holy men ye ſpeak of. Now though in the old time there was a bowing before the Angels, and a bowing in the figure the type, and *John* in the Revelations would have bowed to the Angel, and have worſhiped him, but the Angel bid him ſee that he did it not, for he was one of his fellow-ſervants, and his brethren, and bid him worſhip God; and the Apoſtle ſaith, Every knee ſhall bow to Jeſus, and every tongue ſhal confeſs to him, to the glory of God: So now mark, though they bowed to the Angels in the old time, yet the Angell ſaith in the Revelations, See you do it not, worſhip God, and we never read that the Angels or holy men of God compelled any to worſhip them; but indeed the Devil came and tempted to fall down, and worſhip, who is out of the truth, he tempted the Truth to fall under him, and you that are got up ſince the dayes of the Apoſtles, which *John* calls the Beaſt, hath compelled all ſmall and great to worſhip him, and ſo now we ſay worſhip God, and every knee

bow to Christ, and every tongue confess him to the glory of God, and worship him, and not the Angells. And the Saints honour is owned in its place, and you are none of them. And for your saying the Pope is the Embassador of the great King, God, that is blasphemy; for did God and Christ ever send such an Embassador (or the Devil) to make havock, to make Inquisitions, to make fire for his Lambs? Is this your Embassador? (and to set up Images and Wooden Crosses & Beads to pray by) Do you not see he is apostatized from the Apostles? How can you but be ashamed of him? Poor silly captives! Was not such the Embassadors of the Devil, (that is out of truth) his messengers, apostles and angels? Are not these the fruits and works of them, and not of the Embassadors of God, which went to unite Nations together in love? Where did *Peter* (that Embassador) set up his Inquisitions and heaps of Faggots, & Racks for them that would not obey him in other Nations whither the Lord sent him? Where did *Peter* say they should stab or kill Hereticks, and he would give them a pardon, as the Pope doth now? or sell pardons for money, as you and the Pope doth now? Nay, did not *Peter* say they was not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver & gold? Nay, are not you *Judas*'s Successors, and *Cains*, that takes the sop, and goes out, and sacrifices, and kills Christ the just, and comes against him with Swords and Staves, with your multitudes (as *Judas* did) from the chief priest. Nay come further, let us reckon with you and the Pope, who saith he is the visible Head of the Church; and Christ was the visible Head of his Church when he was upon the Earth; Successors of *Peter*! you are disapproved. Now we shall see how you are like Christ that Head (as you speak of) while he was upon the Earth: Did not Christ come among the blasphemers and hereticks that was in the Errors, and Seducers? Did he set up an Inquisition in his dayes? Did he set up a heap of Faggots and Racks to tear and burn men to pieces, as you do now, for the blasphemers, for hereticks? Christ was the Minister upon the Earth then, and stood before God, an everlasting Priesthood; and stood before the Lord God ministring; Hereticks, Errors, Schisms, presumptuous

tuous ones, Blaſphemers, Seducers, Gain-ſayers that would not hear him, did he make a fire for them all, an Inquiſition, a Rack to tear them to pieces, as you do now? Or did he not tell them he would not have them to be deſtroyed, That he came not to deſtroy mens lives, but to ſave them, &c. and bid them be merciful as their heavenly Father was merciful, and love Enemies? for God cauſed the rain to rain upon the juſt & the unjuſt, and the Sun to ſhine upon them both; and if you love them that love you again, what do you more then the publicans do? So you Pope and Papiſts is found in the publicans love, and you have your reward; and you will perſecute others who be not of your brethren, and ſo found like the phariſees, in your blind mad zeal, not according to knowledge, nor Chriſt, who was clothed with zeal, vvith vvhich am I now. And as for your fooliſh ſilly pitty to the quakers, the quakers judgeth; and your binding and looſning hath been in Hell and Death, vvhich hath been from the Devil, and hath let you looſe, and binds, and priſons, and chains the ſervants of the Lord God; and that is blaſphemy for the Pope to ſay he bindeth or looſeth any where elſe, and he and you ſhall acknovvledge it, if ever you ovvn the living God. And the Devil hath been looſed, of whom you are, and are murtherers of the children of God, and them bind; that is the Word of the Lord God to you; and Chriſts looſing and binding ye are from, that which is in the Church; and whoſe ſervant hath the Pope been, vvho hath ridden upon the righteous, vvho hath preſerved the wicked, vvho tollerates murther on the lambs of God, and ſheep, as here it is; & he will give him a Bull, and he ſhall be one of his *Canonized* Saints, vvhich is the Work of the Devil; did *Peter* do ſo?

And whereas he ſaith, *The Apoſtle* Paul *ſaith, Let us approve our ſelves as the Miniſters of God, in much patience, watching, and faſting. And the Quakers ſaith, The power of God is the croſs of Chriſt, and that we muſt pray in the ſpirit: This we have known ſixteen hundred years before Quakers were; therefore he muſt not think that he teacheth us any new thing, O now beloved friend.*

*Anſ.* How have you approved your ſelves in much patience, like the Apoſtles, when you have had your Fires and Inquiſitions? and this hath been your work, which was not the Apoſtles; and the Apoſtles faſting, which we own, that was acceptable; but they had not the fiſt of wickneſs, and hands full of blood; they had not their Inquiſitions, Racks and Fires to burn people in; but they overcame evil with good; and you with your Fires, Inquiſitions, & Racks, would overcome the good with your evil; you are quite backward to the Apoſtles. And if you have known that the power of God was the croſs of Chriſt, or lived in it this ſixteen hundred years before quakers came up, and ſay this is no new thing; in this you ſhew your ignorance of the Scriptures; for the quakers was before ſixteen hundred years, as *David*, *Jeremiah*, *Iob*, *Paul* to the *Corinthians*, and to the *Hebrews*, and they that knew ſalvation before ſixteen hundred years that's paſt, knew it wrought out with feare and trembling; and as I ſaid before to you, if that you had known the power of God had been the croſs of Chriſt, and that you had been in it, what need you have ſet up your wooden croſſes, and ſtone croſſes, which the Apoſtles, and *Peter* ſet up no ſuch thing? ſo their Succeſſor you are not, and ſo we comprehend you. And for calling the quakers beloved friends, and do you put them in your Inquiſitions, and priſon till death? And doth not here your flattery and hypocriſie appeare? Did ever the Apoſtles impriſon their beloved friends till death, and put them in an Inquiſition? Is not this the love in the diſſimulation and hypocriſie, and *Cain's* to *Abel*, and the Phariſees to Chriſt, and the falſe Apoſtles to the true? but with the life of God you and your love, which is but in word, is meaſured diſtinct from the Apoſtles; not to be of God, who hath got ſheeps clothing, and fawns upon a lamb as though you loved him, and carry him into your Den, and kill him; let the blood of *George Bayliſ* witneſſe it, and two of the Meſſengers of the Lord in the Inquiſition at *Rome*, and there is that you call your dearly love you have ſhewed to the friends of God, and that is your proviſion, who diſapproves your Miniſtry, your

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ſelves nor like unto the Apoſtles; for that's your proviſion you provide for his Meſſengers and Strangers, Lambs and Saints, which *Peter* never commanded you; and ſuch we deny, but *Peter* we own.

And whereas thou ſayeſt, *The Quaker muſt not be ſo blind to think that we do not pray in the ſpirit becauſe we often kneel before the croſs whereupon Chriſt is repreſented; he might well underſtand that theſe croſſes do miniſter occaſion to us to pray in the ſpirit, how that Jeſus Chriſt for our ſins hanged naked upon it, how willingly he ſpilt his blood for us; conſidering that, this man becomes aſhamed of his ſins, ſtirreth up a repentance, from henceforth to ſhun ſin, and with the publican ſtrikes upon his breaſt, crying, Lord be merciful to me poor ſinner: Such occaſions doth theſe Images and Croſſes miniſter unto us to pray in the ſpirit, and brings us to ſee heavenly matters; but this the Quaker cannot receive.*

*Anſ.* The Quakers doth comprehend your blindneſs who kneels before your croſſes, which did not the Apoſtles who prayed in the ſpirit; and the Apoſtles had not earthen Croſſes to adminiſter to them whereby they might pray in the ſpirit; but this doth ſhew you are apoſtatized from the true Croſſe, the power of God, which brought the Saints to pray in the ſpirit; and the Scripture doth not ſay that Chriſt hanged naked upon the croſſe; and your croſſes that miniſter to you, it is an earthly miniſtry; and ſo you have ſet up an earthly means, an earthly Miniſtry, and your croſſes hath not ſtirred you up to repentance to ſhun ſin, but to run further into it, to murther, and tear, and deſtroy them that will not pray by your croſſes, that earthly means and miniſtry, which the Apoſtle *Peter* ſet up no ſuch miniſtry to miniſter means to them, as wooden and ſtone croſſes; & Chriſt willingly ſpilling his blood for ſinners, and ſuffering, you follow him not, but are them that he ſuffered by, that ſpilt the blood of the Saints, which did not *Peter* and the Apoſtles; where did he ſpill any blood while he was the viſible Head (as you ſay) here upon earth? Now you, nor Pope, are like the Apoſtles, or *Peter*, that ſpills the blood of others about your Religion, Worſhip, and Church, and Croſſes, and Images; and you with the publican ſtriking your ſelves upon the breaſt when you ſee the wooden croſſe, ſtock, or ſtone,

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which it seems you remember it not till then, but when you see your Idol whereby your evil consciences is frighted, and like the publicans you are, as sutable proof for you, unconverted; but not like the publican that Christ speaks of, that said, *Lord have mercy upon me a sinner*, and went away sorrowful; which did not say, Lord be merciful to me a sinner, and strike upon his breast before a crosse of wood and stone, as you do. Now come, I will measure the Pope with this publican; Had this publican Beads to pray by? Did this publican call upon the Names, *Mary*, and *Mary Magdalen*, or *Moses*, or *Isaiah*, or Apostles? Or had this publican crosses or images to pray by? Or had this publican Inquisitions, Fires, or Racks to put all in, and to kill them? He did not pray as you do now, and kill them as Hereticks that doth oppose you, as you do now; and did not the publican pray without names, beads, and crosses, and said onely, *Lord have mercy on me a miserable sinner*? Now how are you like? Hath not this publican judged you and your practice? And therefore the quakers cannot believe you, and sees you want that spirit, who are praying before Images; and the power of God, who are praying before the crosses; and your crosses brings you no further then the Earth, and that's a lye to say they bring you to see heavenly matters; and so I see plainly, that the Pope is the Beast that *John* speaks of, and full of ignorance, and the false Prophet that must be taken and cast alive into the fire, that hath deceived with his miracles them that dwell upon the earth, and compell'd them to worship him, which is contrary to the Apostles, and *Peter*. But now people begin to fear God, and worship him, and come into the Apostles Doctrine you are out of.

And whereas thou sayest, *The quaker judgeth himself to be righteous: O miserable man! Dost not thou know that that which seems to be holy before man, is oft times stinking before God; therefore look to it, that it goeth not with thee as with the pharisee. The quaker saith also, Remember when thou lyest on thy death-bed, that thou hast been warned in thy life time. We confess we have been warned in our life time by Gods word, and Gods holy Church, to take heed of such people as the quakers are, now come into the world.*

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*Anſ.* The quaker doth witneſs that he is in the righteouſneſs of God, Chriſt Jeſus, and he hath looked to it, and is out of that that ſeems to be righteous, which you are in, which is abominable and filthy before God, which hath been eſteemed amongſt you, and your righteouſneſs, and the Phariſees party ſutable, who profeſſes the Scriptures, and ravened from the Spirit of God, and that which gave it forth, as they profeſs Scriptures, and out of the righteous life as you are, and turned againſt the juſt, and murthered him, as you do, and ſo by your righteouſneſs can you never inherit the Kingdome of God; for they loved their brethren, and hated their enemies, and you love your brethren, and hate your enemies; and ſo you have both broken the command of Chriſt, and trodden it under foot, which is this, Thou ſhalt love thy enemies, and do good unto them that hate you and perſecute you: Do you do ſo? Have you not broken the command of Chriſt, trod it under foot, turned away from it? Have you loved your enemies, them you call your enemies? Have you not been haters of your friends? Have not you perſecuted, and been the perſecutors? and ſo out of the doctrine of Chriſt and the Apoſtles, and ſo hath not done good, but evil; and your righteouſneſs hath not exceeded the Phariſees, you are grown more heatheniſh then they are: Did they ever pray by Beads, or before a croſs, or images of *Abraham* or *Moſes*, or call upon the Saints names, *Abraham*, *David* or *Enoch*, as you do? how are you like? worſe then the groſſeſt Heathen upon the earth: And ſo remember in your life-time you have been warned, and you and your falſe Church hath been warned often, but you have not yet repented; and I know your falſe Church hath warned you of us called *Quakers*, but quaking and trembling you muſt know, before you know the Apoſtles doctrine and ſalvation; and the earthquakes are coming, ſuch an earth-quake as hath not been ſeen ſince the foundation of the world; and plagues, thunders, and earthquakes you muſt know, before you know us, and the Apoſtle, and them that hath warned you who comes from the true Church of the Apoſtles.

ſtles, who are of us, you have your Inquiſitions and racks for, and Gods word is quite contrary to your practiſe, Chriſt Jeſus by whom the world was made, and Gods words, both the Scriptures which Chriſt fulfils who is the Word.

And whereas thou ſayeſt, *And the Quakers make poor men believe that they are ſent of God, whereof they can prove no certainty; my ſpirit witneſſeth it a poor proof, for all Sects can ſay ſo: Do you not ſee yet that you are founded upon a looſe foundation? Do you not deſpiſe faſting and praying, which is neceſſary to ſalvation? Therefore turn ſpeedily to the Catholick Church before death overtake you, who hath her deſcent from the holy Apoſtles, ſhe will learn you all truth; for* Paul *ſaith ſhe is a pillar and ground of truth; and follow no more your own ſpirit that doth pitifully deceive you, for there ſtands written, Woe to the fooliſh Prophets, that follow their own ſpirits and ſee not herewith, Farewel.*

*Anſw.* The *Quakers* do ſee that they are founded upon that which cannot be ſhaken, the Rock Chriſt Jeſus, him by whom the world was made, which the Prophets and Apoſtles was built upon, who alwayes had the teſtimony of God within to bear witneſs to what they ſaid, which we witneſs Chriſt the end of them, and their ſpirit witneſſeth us, who have the ſpirit of Chriſt and his minde, and his Croſs the power of God, and his Spirit witneſseth with us, that wee are the Sons of God, and are of God, this we know, and heirs of ſalvation, elect before the foundation of the world was, and hath a witneſs in every mans conſcience upon the earth, and in it are we *quakers* made manifeſt, and is and ſhall be in yours, and all men upon the earth, and all Sects which you have been the Author of upon the earth, may get Chriſts and the Apoſtles words, but being out of the life, their lives with them are you all judged; and faſting and praying that's according to the Apoſtles, we own in the ſpirit, and that which is neceſsary to ſalvation; but your faſtings and your prayers that oppreſſeth, and lets not the oppreſſed go free, who hath the wicked fiſt, and hold up the polluted hands, your wrath, and not praying for enemies, but perſecuting your enemies like blinde men, and ſtriking at the creature, when you ſhould have ſtruck at the

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power which captivates creatures, that the creature might have come into the liberty of the sons of God; we deny this fasting and prayer of yours which is contrary to the Apostles, and is not as theirs was, and your praying to names, which did not the Apostles, neither do we, but in the name of Christ, as did the Apostles, which is the power, and the word, which is called *Emanuel*: God and the Apostle did exhort whatever was done must be done in the name of Christ; the Papists works that which they think to be saved by, which they do in a pretence, and thinks to be saved by, to blinde people withall, and to colour and cover over the wickedness, and flattery, and deceit, who are the Wolves covered with the sheeps clothing, who will kill and slay like the Pharisees, Jewes and chief Priests, for they pretend works for murtherers, Had ever the murtherers good works? should ever the Devil the Murtherer be saved? but all; his works he presents among people. Now hee and they both be out of the Works and Charity, and faith, and love that the Apostles were in, and salvation; but be all in the works of condemnation.

Whereas the Protestants say, *To lay away sin, and wickedness, and evil, and vanities, and superfluity of naughtiness, it's the Papists works; in this they are deceived, and sheweth they do not know the Papists doctrine, and measureth things not aright with it.*

And they that turn to your Popes Church, turns to death from life, as you and they that set it up turned from life, ravened from the spirit, went forth from the Apostles to dead images; and they that turn from you turn to life, to the true Church the Apostles were in; and they that are moved of the Lord to turn to your Church to reprove you and it, from you they have death, and your Inquisitions, Racks and Fires; and *Paul* doth not say that your church hath her descent from the church of God, his church hee vvas of: and *Paul* doth not say the Popes church is the pillar and ground of truth, and all knovvledge shall be found in her, in the Popes church, but the church the apostles vvere of, before the Popes church came up, the Beast vvhich

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eſtabliſhed his Image in the Earth, which is your Church that the Church of God the Apoſtles was of, ſhould ſhew it ſelf forth in ages to come, which now we ſee it, and are of it; and her glory, and her beauty, and your Churches Wiſdom and Knowledge is earthly, ſenſual, and devilliſh, and the fruits hath made it appear. What Fires? What Inquiſitions? What Racks? Will your Church teach us thus? Is this her Leſſon ſhe teaches? Shall we learn of her thus? Is this the Mother? We know her children whom ſhe hath taught, what earthly, ſenſual, devilliſh deſtroyers? this was not the Church of Chriſts Work; them that are learned of God, are loved of him; but the Papiſts Pope hath not learned of the good *Samaritan*, nor of Chriſt the true Church; and God hath ſpread dung upon all your faces, and covered you with it, & marr'd your glory; & Chriſt deſtroyed them that went out of the truth, the ground of all preſumption and blaſphemy; but he did not deſtroy the creature by priſons, by fires, by racks; Come, we muſt meaſure you; Had the Apoſtle *Paul* who was of the Church, had his Church an Inquiſition in it, a heap of Faggots, or racks, praying by Beads, Wooden Croſſes, and Stone, and Stew-Houſes, & diſtinct Houſes to put men & women one from another? Come, where is theſe fruits in the Church *Paul* was of? Did not *Paul* ſay, If he gave his Body to be burned, and his Goods to the poor, and had not love, he was nothing? And ſo you have followed your own ſpirit, and ſee nothing of the Church of Chriſt; wo unto you fooliſh prophets who are gone from the Apoſtles, and their Spirit, & their Church, which is the pillar and ground of Truth, which Chriſt is in the midſt of, and Head; and your farewel which you have for the Saints, is in your racks, fires, and Inquiſitions, as witneſſe the Lambs that lies in your Inquiſition at *Rome*, a-top of you all; and your Church is made up of them that went from the Apoſtles, who hath ſet up your Images and Idols, and are in *Cains* way, a company of murtherers, with your Fires, Racks, and Inquiſitions, for which the wo lies upon you, which never was in the Church of God, the ground and pillar of Truth; and the Gates of Hell hath prevailed againſt you, and Death and Hell hath

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ſwallowed you up, which wil drink up all before you, which Death and Hell muſt be taken and caſt alive into the Lake of fire, and the falſe prophet, where he hath had his being; the Beaſt, Smoke, and the Whore, and ſhe is in the fire, and her ſmoke aſcends upwards; and the Devil, the old deceiver, who is your father, who firſt brought the creature in bondage, and there ſet up a Law to deſtroy the creature; and this hath been the devils principles to murther and deſtroy, not Chriſt nor his Apoſtles; and the Devils belief, and not the Saints faith which overcomes the World, and Autichriſt with him, that burns with Brimſtone.

And the Apoſtle did not ſet up tythes, and temples, as you do amongſt you, that has deceived the World, and kept men in earth, in your earthly Images, but the Apoſtle brought people out of the ninths and tenths both, who redeemed them from the Earth; for man being driven from God by tranſgreſſion, in the Earth; and *Abraham* paid the tenth of the ſpoil to *Melchizedeck* King of Righteouſneſs; and under the Law that went over all tranſgreſſors, which was before tranſgreſſion was, they paid the tenths of the Earth; and this ſerved the Widows, Strangers, and *Levi*, and they had all enough, that there was not a beggar amongſt them whil'ſt they were faithful to the Law of God. Now Chriſt who is the end of the Law, redeemed people out of the ninths and tenths of the Earth, up to God again, to reign upon the Earth a-top of all Images, Types, Figures and Shadows, and reigns in Chriſt the power of God. So you that went from the Apoſtles, the falſe Prophets that Chriſt ſaid ſhould come, *Matt.* 24. which inwardly ravenned, and had the ſheeps clothing, which went forth from the Apoſtles into the World, 1 *Joh.* 2. 4 which in the *Revelations* all that dwelt upon the Earth went after you, and then you ſet up your Images, and ninths, and tenths, and Schools, and Colledges, and made your Miniſters by your wills there; and your Inquiſitions, Racks, and Fires burn'd and kill'd the Saints, and murthered, and overcame them; and then you the Beaſt had power, and the Woman fled into the Wilderneſs, and the Man-child was caught up to God, and you made war with the Seed that kept the commandments of God; and then the Beaſt was amongſt

mongſt you, who can make war with the Beaſt? and then the Beaſt and his Names had power over all Tongues, Kindreds and Nations; and then the Beaſt, and his Names, and Images, and his Marks, and Horns, and then the Woman ſits upon the Beaſt, your Mother the Church, and all Nations drunk her cup of fornication, which Whored from the Apoſtles, which corrupted all the Earth, and made the Inhabitants thereof drunk; and ſhe ſits upon the Waters, which are Peoples, Nations, Multitudes, and Tongues; and theſe Tongues hath made you to be Orthodox men, which is called the Original; and witty men, which is called the pillars of your Church, which *John* calls Waters, and the Whore and the Beaſt is upon them. And *Pilate* ſet *Hebrew*, *Greek*, and *Latin* a-top of Chriſt, vvhich crucified him; and there ſtands your Original which *Babel* is the beginner of; and again the Manchild ſhould be brought forth to rule the Nations with a rod of Iron; and *Babylon* ſhould be confounded, and the judgement of the great Whore come, and the Beaſt, and the falſe prophet ſhould be taken, and with him the Devil, the Dragon, the old deceiver, and caſt alive into the Lake of fire; and the Lamb and the Saints ſhall have the victory, who ſhal kill with the ſword, and ſlay with the ſword, vvhich are the Words of his mouth; but yet you do not read he killed creatures; and the everlaſting Goſpel ſhall be preached to all Nations, Kindreds, and Tongues that dwell upon the Earth, and Chriſt is riſen vvhich vvas before *Babel* vvas, vvho had the many languages ſet over him by *Pilate*, vvho is riſen again, and brings into one language, who redeems from Kindreds, Tongues and Nations; for you went into the tongues on Earth, vvhen you went from the Apoſtles; and all of you be like a Sea and Waters; but now ſhall they be dryed up, & the Sea go back, and the people of God ſhall inhabit, and the Lamb and the Saints ſhall have the victory; I was dead, and am alive again, and lives for evermore, who throws down and ends *Jews* Temples, Tythes, and Prieſts, who was before they vvas; vvho throws down Gentiles Temples, Images, Tythes, Prieſts, and Idols; and throws down you that be apoſtatized from the Apoſtles, your Images, lying ſigns, Teu-

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ples, Tythes, and Prieſts, got up ſince the dayes of the Apoſtles; I will riſe over you all, through you all, ſaith the Lord God; and the Seed of God is riſen vvhich vvas before you apoſtates, *Jews* and Gentiles, Tythes and Prieſts vvas; and the ſeed of God is ſet above you all, & a-top of all your Heads, and come to the beginning before they was; and the Seed of God and Chriſt reigns, and the Church is come to that the Apoſtles was in, the pillar & ground of truth, & the Apoſtle's known which was made by the Will of God, not of man, nor by man; and the Church which is the pillar and ground of truth, and vve are of the Church of the living God, and Heirs of the Kingdom of the World which hath no end, and the povver of an endleſs life, and reigns with Chriſt for ever and ever.

And the Woe is to you who hath preached another Doctrine and Goſpel then the Apoſtles, for they brought peace, and men out of priſon, and out of the fire, and Images and Idols, and from Temple, Tythes, and Prieſts, and ſtrife, and killing one another, and you bring people all into this; ſo another Doctrine, curſed then the Apoſtles.

But with the power of the Lord God which the Apoſtles was in, which you are all gone from, you are all comprehended,

And the life and power of God over you all reigns, and he is come that will judge the World in righteouſneſs, and that is riſen vvhich ſhall threſh you to duſt and powder, and the arm of the Lord is turned againſt you.

*From the Authority of the Church in* England, *the pillar and ground of truth, whom Chriſt is the head.*

# *This was written in answer to a Dispute that was held forth by one of the Popes Ministers.*

*Friend and Friends*,

IS *not the humane Authority from the ground? And was this the authority of the Church of Christ?* I say, Nay, it was not; for the authority of the Church of Christ was from above, and so not *humane from the ground*: And was there any blood shed, as killing of them as you call Hereticks, but the Jesuits and Priests had a hand in it to inform the Magistrates against them? And are not the Jesuits and Priests then, the occasion of shedding of blood? and have they not a hand in it? And whereas you say, *Your Church hath no hand of shedding of the blood of those you call Hereticks, and yet your Magistrates are of your Church, and Members of it, and Christians.*

Novv a Member is a hand, or a foot; an eye, or a head; so your Church that sheds blood, and the Jesuits and Priests, are them that do inform of those you call Hereticks or Blasphemers, if you will speak plainly vvithout deceit; and so it is your Church that sheds blood in conclusion, vvhich vvas not the Church in the dayes of the Apostles; and then doth not your Pope give pardon to those that kills Hereticks, and such as you *Canonized* Saints? And here you are turned from the Spirit of the Saints, and the Spirit of the true Church, and are not of the Spirit of Christ, who came to save mens lives, and rebuked that zeal in them that would have had fire come down from Heaven to burn them. So there you are contrary to the spirit of Christ, and your zeal is rebuked. And again the Apostle sayes, *We wrestle not with flesh and blood*, (did not wrestle with flesh and blood) *but with spiritual wickednesses in high places*; and he did not inform against any Hereticks, Schismaticks, or Blasphemers, to the

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Judges to put them to death, as you Papists have done.

And again, whereas you say, You *put them to death as Disturbers of the Common-wealths peace, not for Hereticks.*

That is false, the whole World may iudge you for that. Now that which disturbs the Common-Wealth & its peace, is strikers and fighters; for the Law is to keep peace: For Manslayers, and Murderers, and injurious persons, and abusers of themselves with mankind, and this the Apostle spoke of to the doters which did not know what they spoke of, or affirmed; but we never read, nor the Apostles never did cause any to be put to death, though they were Blasphemers, or Hereticks, or Disturbers of the peace of the Church; so there you are degenerated & gone from the spirit of the Apostles, gone into the spirit of the World; for the Law is to keep down fighters and strikers, but the Gospel is the end of the Law; who comes to the Gospel of Christ, comes to the end of the Law; so they that would not hear the Priest, but spoke presumptuously, was to be delivered to the Judge, and to the Law, and was to dye; but when Christ came, the end of that Law, and that Priesthood, Blasphemers and presumptuous ones would not hear him, yet the Law was standing of the *Jews*, which Christ did not break it, yet he turned them not to it, to put them to death; nor the Apostles them that spoke presumptuously, and would not hear them; so they did not turn them to the Judge, and inform the Judge and Magistrate to put them to death as disturbers of the Church; nor put them to the Jews, nor put them to the Gentiles, nor put them to death amongst themselves, with the authority of their own Church; there is no such Law nor Example amongst them. So now your Church is degenerated from that Church and Law; for there was many apostates and hereticks amongst the Apostles, that went from them, yet there was no information from them to put them to death; now your Church will put to death them that be the members of it, and you that be the Ministers, that inform against them that be to be put to death, which thing is done in your Church, for Magistrates are of the Church members, and you the informers of them that are dissented from you, as

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Hereticks and Blaſphemers. So you are apoſtatized from the Spirit of Chriſt, for you deſtroy mens lives, and Chriſt bids ſave them; ſo he is not your example, ſo your Church is whored from the true Church, and an antichriſt.

Now whereas you ſay, & thou ſayes, *That Antichriſt & the man of ſin, is but one man, ſo not the Pope, becauſe there are many Popes.*

Now in this thou deludes the people, and art erred, and contrary to *Iohns* Doctrine; who ſaith there are many Antichriſts; mark, *Many Antichriſts are gone into the world*; ſo that if the man of ſin be but one, he burſts into many, who now is revealed, and muſt be diſcovered in you, which hath been up ſince the dayes of the Apoſtles, coming in before they deceaſed, but now diſcovered by the Spirit of Truth, and of God, that the Apoſtles was in, to be ruling and reigning in you; ſo you are degenerated. Now *Peter* ſaw you coming up, and *Iude*, and *Iohn*; for *Peter* tells us, they went in *Cains* way, and *Jude* and *John* ſaid, Love not as *Cain*, but your love and ſacrifices hath been from *Cains* nature, who ſlayes your Brethren, and kills your Brethren, which never did the Apoſtles; and ſo there is the *Cains* mark found amongſt you; ſo there's your ſpirit now tryed.

Again, you are gone from the Apoſtles light, who lets the Saints ſee you in *Cains* way, how they degenerated and apoſtatized; now if you put it off with a ſhift, and ſay you Prieſts and Jeſuits do not ſlay and take away mens lives, and yet you ſay they are the members of your Church, the Magiſtrates; now that's your ſhift, and through that ſhift you have confounded your ſelves; for the members of the Church of Chriſt never did put any to death though they were never ſuch Hereticks, or Blaſphemers, or Apoſtates from them before their deceaſe; and there your members have erred from the Church of Chriſt, and are of the members of *Cain*, and not of Chriſt, and ſo no true Church.

And then again you ſay, *That your practiſe and Doctrine of the Church of Rome, is not degenerated from the true Church of Chriſt that the Apoſtles were in*; & can ſhew no Scripture for it, your Images, your Beads, your Pictures, your Inquiſitions, your burnings, your racking of Saints, not from the Apoſtles, nor

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for your Nunneries; but brings a Scripture that the Saints was to hold fast their traditions: Now the traditions which they had been taught, the Apostle instances in the *Corinthians*, and in the Epistles, what they are; those things they had received from God; but now yours are the traditions of men, that are taught for Doctrine; and the Apostle bids them they should not presume above what was written; It is not written they have set up an outward Crosse or Image of *Mary*, or Christ, or an outward Crosse of Wood or Stone, and make Inquisitions, and that they put men to death for blasphemy; & it is not written they made Crucifixes, and set up Tythes, and Earthen Altars, or Wood, or Stone; now you that hold up such things, and pleads for such things, and cannot shew from the Apostles Doctrine that they set up such things, vvhere it is vvritten, you are the presumptuous and the usurped authority, vvho presume above vvhat is vvritten: So any Heathen vvill follow traditions, invent traditions, and teach them for Doctrines, and then may bring the Apostles Words, and say they must hold fast the traditions; therefore it must be, that the traditions of the Apostles was given to the Church of vvhat vvas vvritten; now it is not your traditions, or the Heathens traditions, what they invent; and to bring the Apostles Words, you are too short there, but the Apostles traditions, those are owned, vvhat is vvritten; but yours are not vvritten, nor have not example from Scripture, and so have erred from the Spirit.

And then again you say, and thou saith, *That we are not skilled in the philosophie, nor are not wise in the philosophy*; and thou brings much philosophie to make good thy arguments.

And here again thou, and you, are erred, and apostatized, and degenerated from the true Apostles Doctrine and practises, for he said, *Beware of Philosophy*, and forbids it; so thou, and your Church have erred from the true Apostles, and are contrary to their spirit, for saith he, *Beware of philosophy, for they lie in wait to deceive, and set up the traditions of men.*

And then again, whereas thou saith, *We know nothing but by tradition.*

And that is false, which shews thou art not able to judge aright, nor of our mind; for nothing that we have received, have been from men, nor from traditions, who are come into the power the Apostles were in, that was before you were that are apostatized; alack for you, whereas you say you do not slay men for Religion, and they are not the Church.

And then again thou saist, *They are members of the Church, and they are the Secular Power.*

Now is not a member of the Church, spiritual? and doth he act out of the power of Christ, being a member of the body? Doth not the body and the hand act both from one power? So did ever the members of Christ, that were members of his body, that came to save mens lives, destroy mens lives, as you do, who have killed and slain many hundreds since the dayes of the Apostles, for Religion, and for not owning your Bread and Wine, nor your Altars, Images, nor Crosses? so you are apostatized and erred from the body of Christ, enviers of your brethren, man-slayers, which the Apostle speaks of, which hath not eternal life abiding in them; and then (as the Apostle said) they should hold fast the traditions, & that it was written what tradition, he set down many traditions; and again the Apostle saith, *Little children, keep your selves from Idols*; and that is written, it is written so; this is the counsel of the true Church, and the true Church is to be heard, and they that will not hear it, are Heathen; and you have set up Idols, set up Images, Pictures, and Crosses, so apostatized and degenerated from the true Church, from the true Ministry; for your Ministers cryes them up, Images, Crucifixes, Pictures, Beads, praying before Pictures, Crosses, and Beads, that's your Ministers that cryes up such things, which is not written among the Apostles; the true Ministers saies, *Keep your selves from Idols, little children*; so you are apostatized from the true Ministers, 1 *Joh.* 5. So here you are apostatized from the spirit, and to be in the spirit the Apostle speaks of, the man of sin, and the many Antichrists, and the Beast, and the false prophets

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ſpoken of in the *Revelations*, with the lying ſigns and wonders, and lying miracles which the world have gone after, come up ſince the dayes of the Apoſtles, which the Apoſtles ſaid ſhould come, and who hath ſet up the lying ſigns and wonders ſince the days of the Apoſtles; but (mark) the Apoſtle ſaid, Keep faſt the traditions, who ſaw theſe lying ſigns and wonders come up, which the man of ſin in (the *Revelations*) ſets them up by their power and authority: Now if you be not this Beaſt, and this Man of Sinn entred into your hearts, and theſe many Antichriſts, with your lying ſigns and wonders, got up ſince the dayes of the apoſtles, which he propheſied of, declare who they be, and let us ſee what be theſe lying ſigns and wonders, and who ſet them up, and let us ſee what ſhift you have to cleer your ſelves; Now I do not put this [*If*] as for my ſelf, as not knowing you are them, but that you are them; and now truth is come to reckon with you.

And then again, for ſaying *the bread and wine after it is conſecrated, is the body and blood of Chriſt*, (*the very body and blood*) & after confounds thy ſelf in it, and ſaith, *it was but as the ſoul was in man, and the outward might periſh, and was but as a garment put on a Kings back; and the other unconſecrated put on a Beggars back, and both might periſh and was the body of Chriſt.* Now this is like thy Logick, this is a confuſed torne piece of ſtuffe; the body of Chriſt ſaw no corruption, (on whoſe back ſoever thou canſt hang him) but bread and wine will ſee corruption; ſo with that thou comes poorly off, and pitifully art put to thy ſhifts, who compares it to a garment conſecrated and unconſecrated, which both may periſh, and it is the body of Chriſt; So if you dare not venter to try it openly, and let ſome Ieſuits and Cardinals of the Pope ſend out of every one of his dominions into any place convenient, that the thing we may be openly and publikely tryed, Whether or no it will periſh like the other bread, or prove divine like the body of Chriſt that ſaw no corruption: If they dare come to the tryal openly, (to the Light) or acknowledge your ſelves workers of darkneſs, and have done the Devils work all this while, and dare not try it;

and Christ had a body after they had eaten that bread as in remembrance of him; and Christ did not eat his own body, did he eat his own body? and the Apostles and he eat bread with the Disciples; and what, did he eat his own body when he bid the Apostles do it in remembrance of him till he was come? And the Apostle bids them, *As oft as they eat that bread, and drink that cup, do it in remembrance, to shew forth the Lords death till he come*; signifying he was not come; and doth he not come in his body? and that is a bewitching people, and a deceiving people, to tell them it was his body; for if it was his body, it was his body before; and the Apostle said, *What he had received of the Lord, he had delivered to the Saints; and that as oft as they eat that, and drunk that, they were to shew forth the Lords death until he come*; they was to examine themselves, and so they was to eat.

And again, there is another Epistle he bids them examine themselves, and try themselves, and prove their own selves, and except they were reprobates, Christ was in them; and so Christ in them, that they needed not any thing to put them in remembrance of him; for that was but a memory of him, and a shewing till he come; and so that cannot properly be said to be him; and a shewing until he come, that was to be done in remembrance of him; now if that be Christ after consecration, he is come; if that be his body and blood, he is come; if that be Christ, he is come; for that was but the remembrance, and you cannot then take that for a memory, and shew till he come; and so that you can carry in your pockets, and cubbards, and desarts, and say Christ is there, mark, there's false Christ, there's Antichrists, and so degenerated, which hath deceived the people, and if it were possible would deceive the Elect, but it is not possible, for the Elect comprehends you; and Christ is come, and reigns in his Kingdom that hath no end; and we need not Bread and Wine to put us in remembrance of him.

Then again, your Church consecrates often, and makes many bodies, and when one is dead, you make another, which Christs body is but one; and the Apostle tells the true Church, *That the power of God was the cross of Christ*, that was

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the true Miniſtry; and you Miniſters tell the people (which is your church) of a wooden croſſe, a croſſe of ſtone, and ſo apoſtatized from the true Miniſters, who have loſt the power of God, and true croſſe of Chriſt; therefore now he that ſets up, or told them of keeping faſt traditions, he told them what the croſſe of Chriſt was, the power of God, and did not ſet up an earthly Altar and Croſſe of Wood and Stone; ſo you have erred from the Apoſtles.

And again, thou, and you ſay the Scripture was the Word: Alack for you, you are ignorant of the Scriptures, of the true Miniſters words; for the Miniſters of God ſay they are Words; *God ſpake all theſe words*, ſaith *Moſes*; and Chriſt ſaith, *My Words*; and Chriſt was the Word that was before words was ſpoken forth, who came to fulfil the words, and in him they end; *The blood of Chriſt cleanſeth from all ſin; and he that eats the fleſh of Chriſt, hungers no more*: Now you are hungering, and hungering ſtill after your outward bread, nor are you cleanſed from all ſin; doth the Wine cleanſe you from all ſin, who are murdering and killing one another about Religion, like *Cain*, about outward things? your Bread and Wine it is outward things you are killing one another about; it is not becauſe they will not worſhip God, but becauſe they wil not worſhip your outward things, and own your outward things in the apoſtacy from the Apoſtles; and do you look like people cleanſed from your ſins, who are ſo full of pride and filth, and plaiting of the hair, and gold, and coſtly attire, and ſpots with black? Are you like the holy Women, like *Sarah*, you that have apoſtatized from the Apoſtles Doctrine? But the effects of the blood of Chriſt is not at all here ſeen among you, but you are in *Cains* way, murderers, which have trampled the blood of the new Covenant under-foot, that hath not the life of God abiding in you, and *Jezabel*-like in your faſts.

And again, thou art a ſwearer, and you are ſwearers; which Chriſt and the Apoſtles ſaid, *Swear not at all, neither by Heaven, nor by Earth, nor by any other oath, leſt you fall into condemnation; but let your yea, be yea; and your nay, nay; for what is more, is evil.* So here again you are apoſtatized from Chriſt and the

the true Church, ſwearers, fall under the condemnation, who are ſwearing by *Mary*, and Maſſe; now if thou ſhouldeſt alledge that the Angel ſwore, or the Prophets, *Moſes*, *Abraham*, or *David*; Chriſt is the end of the Prophets, and before *Abraham* was, and the end of *Moſes*; and the Apoſtle ſaith, *Swear not at all*; men in ſtrife they ſwear, that is out of covenant with God, and not in peace; and ſo the Son of God ſaith, *Swear not at all*; who is the end of ſtrife, and brings people into peace with God, who is the Covenant of peace between God and man, who comprehends time before time was, and ended, whereby all things becomes new; and his Doctrine is, *Swear not at all*; *and this is my beloved Son, hear ye him*; and he that hears him not, is to be cut off from the Church.

And again, you have by tradition that which you have from the Apoſtles; the *Jews* what they had, was by tradition, but thoſe ſtood againſt the thing it ſelf, Chriſt Jeſus, & kil'd him, the Prophets & Apoſtles; Chriſt ſaid, they were of their father the Devil, murderers; and ſo you now, that have by tradition the Saints Words, you kill, and have kill'd and burned, and wreſtled with fleſh and blood, and deſtroyed in your Inquiſitions; and ſo this ſhews that you do not know Chriſt, but are the murderers, who have gotten the prophets, Chriſt, and the Apoſtles Words by tradition, and ſets up your own traditions and inventions, and teacheth them for Doctrine; for it is plain by your practice, you are degenerated and apoſtatized from the Apoſtles, and erred from their ſpirit; and ſo the thing you have ſtood againſt, and the life you have wanted, Chriſt, who ſaid he ſhould ſave mens lives, you have been deſtroying of them, that have but the traditions, ſo have wanted him that ſhould ſave mens lives, ſo have been the vagabonds from the Apoſtles, though you have had large Habitations in the Earth, *Cain*-like, only what you have had, hath been by tradition, and by fire and ſword, that hath been your great Weapons to make people turn to you, to convert them, and ſuch are carnal, which the Apoſtle did not war withall, nor wreſtle with fleſh and blood; ſo there you degenerate from their ſpirit, and with it, is judged; and

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we are the true Ministers which are come in to the Apostles spirit, which doth fathom you all.

*And this is from the authority of the true Church, the Elect Seed; who are in scorn called Quakers.*

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The traditions that the Apostle saith the Saints was to hold fast, which he had delivered unto them, and the traditions of men, and their fathers, with the Pharisees observing, and teaching them for Doctrine, and neglecting the Commands of Christ; each in their place, as followeth.

*Matthew* the 15. the Scribes and Pharisees which were of *Jerusalem*, came to Jesus, and said, *Why do thy Disciples transgress the tradition of the Elders, for they wash not their hands when they eat*; mark, here the Disciples of Christ transgressed the Elders traditions, and that was a tradition to wash their hands before they did eat, and arise: He answers them, *Then why do you transgress the command of God by your tradition?*

*Mark* 7. And here you may see the Pharisees and Scribes lived in the traditions of their fathers, and so looked at them more then the commands of God, which they neglected; for God commanded, saying, *Honor thy father and mother, and he that curseth father or mother, let him dye the death*; But ye say, If a man shall say to his father or mother, What gift soever should have come on me, the same is turned to the Prophet, and so shall he not honor his father, nor his mother? and thus have ye made the commands of God of none effect because of your tradition. And when the Pharisees came from the Market, except they wash, they eat not; and this was a tradition; and many other things which they have received to hold, as washing of cups and pots, and brasse, and vessels, and of Tables; these were the traditions of the Elders which the Disciples brake, therefore was the

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Pharisees angry with them; and such their hearts was afar off of God, for they was in the traditions, *Though with the lips they called on him, in vain did they worship God, teaching for Doctrine the commands of men, and laying aside the commands of God*; and so Christ rebuked them when they were reasoning with him concerning his Disciples, why they did not walk according to the traditions of the Elders, but eat bread with unwashen hands; and he said unto them, *Fulwel ye reject the commands of God, that ye may keep your own traditions; for ye lay aside that, and ye hold tradstions of men, as washing of pots and cups, and other such like things, as you do*; and you may see more of the traditions in the same Chapter. And the Apostle saith, *Coll.*2.8. the Apostle, the Minister of God and Christ, *Beware, lest any man spoile you through Philosophy and vain deceit, after the traditions of men, after the rudiments of the world, not after Christ*; therefore mark that which is after Christ; for Christ is not of the World; and he judged the Pharisees for their traditions and neglecting the Commands of God, 2 *Thess.*2. here is the traditions the Apostle speaks of, that brethren had been taught by word, and by Epistle; *Now we command you brethren, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you withdraw your selves from every brother that walks disorderly, & not after the traditions which ye have received of us.* Now mark, we shall see what these traditions were, &c. that these *Thessalonians* had received of the Apostle in word or Epistle; the Apostle saith, first, *For your selves know how ye ought to follow us, for we behaved not our selves disorderly among you, neither did we eat any mans bread for nought, but wrought with labour and travel night and day, that we might not be chargeable unto any of you; not because we have not the power, but to make our selves examples unto you to follow us; for even when we were with you, this we commanded you,* mark, this was by word of mouth, when he was with them, this was not written *when we were with you, we commanded you, If any would not work, he should not eat; for we hear that there is some that walk among you disorderly, which work not at all, but are busie-bodies; Now them that are such, we command and exhort in our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work and eat their own bread.* Now mark, here is the

the traditions that the brethren is to hold, that the Apostle had taught them by word of mouth, and by Epistle. Here again, And if any brother walk disorderly, not after the traditions received of us, he is to be noted, and withdrawn from, for such are destroyers of the creatures, and of the Creation, and Wasters, and are Busie-bodies, which are begetters and drawers of people from the life, and lies on others for an end; such be in the disorderly part, out of the power of God, and are to be judged; and if any man obey not our word in this Epistle, note that man, and have not company with him, that he may be ashamed; yet account him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother. Now mark, These brethren that hold not the traditions the Apostle had taught by vvord vvhen he vvas vvith them, and by Epistle, such walked disorderly, and vvas to be noted and dravvn from; and here is the traditions mentioned in 2 *Thess.*2,3. chap. throughout; and the Apostle said, *he had been zealous of the traditions of the fathers*; this vvas before he vvas converted; but vvhen he vvas converted, he saith, *Not of men, nor by men,* [then] *but by revelation of Jesus Christ*, *Gal.* 1.1. *Pet. the first, Forasmuch as we are not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from our vain conversations, received by the traditions of your fathers, but by the blood of Christ*: So vvho comes to vvitness the blood of Jesus, he lives over all, he sees over the nature that lives in traditions. And so hath not your traditions been to redeem one another by silver, and by pardons, and to give Bulls, which ye call them? And is not this corruptible redemption, and a tradition, which the Apostle judges so? Is not your tradition here judged? your corruptible redemption, and pardon for money, and buying and selling pardons, is not this corruptible redemption? and your traditions, which are forbidden by the Apostle *Peter*? Well, the Apostle speaks of Ordinances or Traditions, and he mentions them; *Be ye followers of me, remember me in all things; keep the Ordinances or Traditions I have delivered unto you*; Mark, he tells you vvhat the Traditions be, as follovveth; *I would have you to know, the Head of every man is Christ, and the Head of every woman is the man, the Head*

*of Christ is God: Every man praying or prophesying having his head covered, dishonors his head; but every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered, dishonors her head: If a woman be not covered, let her also be shorne, &c. For a man ought not indeed to cover his head, forasmuch he is the Image and glory of God, but the woman is the glory of the man; but the man is not of the woman, but the woman of the man; neither was the man created for the woman, but the woman for the man; for this cause aught the woman to have power over her head, because of the Angels; nevertheless, neither is the woman without the man, nor the man without the woman in the Lord.* And so he goes on in this Chapter, where all may see the Traditions, or Ordinances, &c. and how he mentioned the Traditions; in this Chapter 1 *Cor.* 11. he speaks of the Cup, and he speaks of the Bread, and he speakes of those things, and thing that was to be done in remembrance of Christ; and here is the Tradition the Apostle mentioneth to them, and tells them what they are; and he tells them of baptism in the same *Corinthians*, the Water which might decrease; *For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you*: Now mark, this was delivered unto them *Corinthians*, he tells them in that Epistle, and that Epistle speaks of the things, in that 2 *Cor.* 4. chap. he brings them off of the things that are; and so here he shews the Tradition by Word, and here again by Epistle; and you read that the Apostle had been with the *Corinthians*, and spoken to them, in chap. 2. of the first Epistle; and St. *John* saith, *Keep your selves from Idols*, (in his general Epistle) *little children*: So St. *John* was of that Church, and he was a Minister of it, and in it. And so you that run into Idols, and Images, and Pictures, and Crosses, are run into Idols, and set them up by your own traditions, and make the Commands of the Apostle of none effect, who sayes, *Keep your selves from Idols*, which is the command of God. So your Church and Traditions is contrary to the Apostles, as you may read in the Scriptures before mentioned, and see the Traditions of the Elders, and your fore-fathers, the Pharisees; and see the Traditions of the Apostle, how he names them; and see the Traditions of the Apostles you have apostatized from, who are run into Idols and Images, your own Traditions, not men-

mentioned in the Scripture, as all may read these Scriptures before mentioned, spoken of in this Letter, and see whether it speaks to any Traditions of yours, as ye set up, as your Beads, as your Images, as your Houses and Nunneries, as for your Pictures and your Inquisitions.

And here you may see now the Pharisees Traditions, your Traditions, and the Popes Traditions, one distinct from the other, as you may read before mentioned.

Them that are learned of God, are loved of him; but the Papists Pope hath not learned of the good *Samaritan*; & God hath spread dung upon all your faces, and covered you with it, and marr'd your glory.

And Christ destroyed them that went out of the truth, and also the ground of all presumption and blasphemy. The Beast smokes, and the Whore, and she is in the fire, and her smoke ascends upwards.

And whose Servant hath the Pope been, who hath ridden upon the Righteous, who hath preserved the Wicked, who tollerates murdering the Lambs of God, and Sheep, as here it is manifest? and he will give him a Bull that doth it, and he shall be one of his Canonized Saints, which is the work of the Devil; did *Peter* did so?

So natural men, which cannot receive nor discern the things of God; all that marry among you be not spiritual, your married men are not.

And after the Pope and Jesuits hath given you a pardon for your sins, is there not something that doth convince you?

The Ministers of Christ saith, *Repent and be baptized, confessing your sins*; and the Popish Priests say, Be baptized, and you must have your body of sin and imperfection whiles you be upon the Earth. And the Ministers of Christ, *He that will not work, must not eat*. And the Papist Ministers say, We will have money, wages, meat of them that never hired us, nor set us at work, yet we will have meat of them, and wages, or we will have them into Courts and Prisons till

death. And the Ministers of Christ saith, *We covet no mans silver, gold, or apparel, but labour with our own hands night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any one, that we might keep the Gospel without charge.* The Popes Ministers saith, We care not, wee'l have Gold and Silver, Goods and Apparel; of men are we, and we wil have men and women into our Courts and Prisons; and what care we? We have a Law which will give it us. And the Ministers of Christ saith, It is not the wearing of Gold or costly Apparel. O but, (saith the Papish Priests) we will have our Gold Rings, and our costly Apparel; our Points, and our double Cuffs, and double Boot-hose-tops, and the great Skarf to the tops of our Hats, it is but civil, and the Apostle doth not mean as he doth speak. The Ministers of Christ, and Christ saith, *Swear not at all; he that sweats, is in the evil, and condemned.* The Popes Ministers saith, They must swear, (and their hearers) or else fine them, and imprison them, and makes a puff at condemnation.

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## *A Challenge to all the Papists and Protestants.*

I Challenge all the Papists, Jesuits, Pope and Cardinals, and all you Protestants that professeth against Popery, to shew me out of Scripture where ever the Apostles or any true Christians, killed one another for Religion? or where Christ gave any such command to them that they should do so? then will I be of their Religion: And was there not such as departed from the Apostles, that had been amongst them, that did run into Schism, Heresie, and Error, in *Corah*, *Cain*, and *Balaams* way, and run into Sects and Factions, and seducing of others? whether or no ever did, or did ever the Apostles kill those, or command them to be killed and put

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to death, and delivered them up to Judges, to put them to death? Or had they Magistrates to execute Laws upon them? Did the Apostles make Laws, or made by the authority of the Church to put them to death? Or doth not the Church stand in Christ the end of the Law? And was there not some in the dayes of the Apostles, that was amongst them and the Saints, the true Christians, that had the form, and proved to be the false Apostles, and Satans Ministers, and Messengers of unrighteousness? Now did the Apostles, or the true Christians, and true Church, had they a Law, and did they give an Order forth that those should be put to death, and that the creatures should be killed in whom the Devil had transformed himself, to kill those creatures? And did not the Apostles go amongst such that worshipped Idols, stocks and Stones, Sun and Moon? Did the Apostles kill, hang, draw, and quarter such as would not deny that authority that had set up their Images? Did they kill the creatures that would not deny worshipping Stocks and Stones Sun and Moon, as you do now? ye poor apostate Papists, from the Apostles, poor blind creatures, that falls down before Images, Stocks and Stones, and wooden Crosses; cannot you (if your Ministers were made by the will of Christ) let them go forth, and bring them off Idols, Images, wooden Crosses, and stone, and the calling upon the Names of the Saints, to bring them to call upon Christ, as the true Ministers and Apostles of Christ which went amongst the Jews, chief priests, and pharisees, and confound them, and brought them off the types and figures, to Christ the substance; and they went among the Gentiles, and to them that had set up their Images, Priest, and Idols Temples, and worshipped Images, Sun and Moon, and confound them, and brought them off their Images, Stocks and Stones, from worshipping of them, to worship God; and into the Covenant of Light which God had promised to the Gentiles; Did not the Apostles bring them into that, and did not kill their bodies? and likewise the Jews, the new Covenant to them, the Law in the heart, and in their minds: If that after any of these

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Jews or Gentiles that had been convinced by the Apoſtles Doctrine, and turned from them that was of the Jews, or they that was of the Gentiles, turned from them again to the Gentiles, then where did the Apoſtles give forth a Law, or a Decree that thoſe ſhould be killed? And now ye Papiſts that ſay ye are Chriſtians, ſuch as departed from you, that have been of your Religion, you turn again, and kill as Hereticks, by Fire or Inquiſition, or otherwayes; Did the Apoſtles do ſo to them that went from them, whom they truly judged to be Hereticks? and if the Proteſtants come among you, them you kill with Fire and Fagot, Inquiſitions and Racks; and which of you now in theſe things bear the Image of the Apoſtles, and follows Chriſt the Captain of ſalvation, who ſaves mens lives.

And now you Proteſtants, if any of the Jeſuits or Prieſts come amongſt you, you hang, draw, & quarter them, which they ſay, they was your Mother; Did ever the Apoſtles do ſo to any that came to them to oppoſe them, that had been of their Church, or otherwiſe? Or did ever the Apoſtles or Saints do ſo? Was not they able Miniſters of the Spirit, and not of the Letter? with which Spirit they were able to encounter with the whole world. Now let the ſerious ſearch go through you concerning theſe things.

*The End.*